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Art Gallery of the Centennial Exhibition.

We present herewith an illustration of the art gallery of the Centennial Exhibition, to be erected in Fairmount Park. This structure, which is intended to be a part of the great exhibition, is located on a line parallel with and northward of the main exhibition building. It is on the most commanding portion of the great Lansdowne plateau, and looks southward over the city. It is elevated on a terrace six feet above the general level of the plateau, the plateau itself having an elevation of 116 feet above the surface of the river.

The entire structure is in the modern Renaissance, massive and graceful in outline, and in consonance with the general Park character. The materials are granite, glass and iron. No wood is used in the construction, and the building is thoroughly fire-proof. The structure is 365 feet in length, 210 feet in width and 50 feet in height over a spacious basement 12 feet in height, the whole surmounted by a dome 150 feet high.

with tile work, wreaths of oak and laurel, 13 stars in the frieze and a colossal eagle at each of its four corners.

THE ARCADES.

The arcades are intended to screen the long walls of the gallery. They each consist of five groined arches. These arcades form promenades looking outward over the grounds and over open gardens, which extend back to the main wall of the buildings. These garden plots are each 90 feet long and 36 feet wide, ornamented in the center with fountains, and designed for the display of statuary.

A stairway from the gardens reaches the upper line of the arcades, which forms a second promenade 35 feet above the ground. Its balustrade is ornamented with vases, and is designed ultimately for statues. The cornices, attics and crests throughout are highly ornamental.

THE EAST AND WEST SIDES.

The walls of the east and west sides of the structure display the pavilions and the walls of the entire galleries, and are relieved by five

galleries and central hall extends a corridor 14 feet wide, which opens on its north line into a series of private rooms, thirteen in number, designed for studios and smaller exhibition rooms.

All the galleries and the central hall are lighted from above; the pavilion and studios are lighted from the sides. The pavilion and central hall are designed especially for exhibition of sculpture. The structure is to be used during the exhibition as an art gallery. The designer of this grand structure, Mr. H. J. Schwarzmann, states his object to have been to conform to strict classic outlines and proportions, so that the building will preserve, under all the varying changes of taste during the coming century, the unchangeable interest of the structures of those times; and consistent with this to express in the decoration and arrangement of the details, the purposes for which it is being erected—a national memorial in honor of the great dead of the republic at the close of its first century.

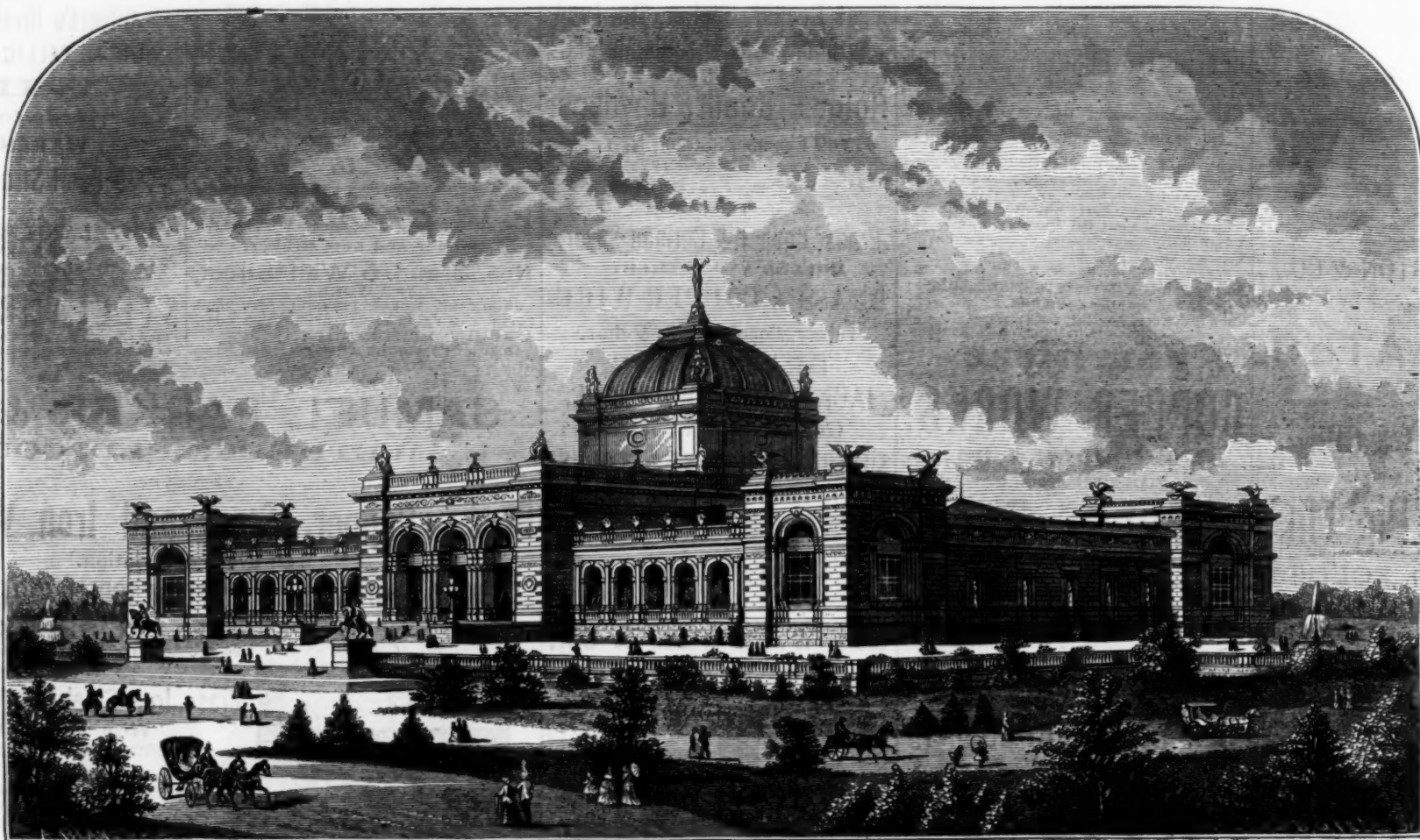
This grand structure is erected solely by the appropriations made for this particular purpose

active wire, the final effect will be either the attack or the passivity of both wires. We may unite in a single experiment these two contrary results; immerse the extremity of a piece of foil (the whole surface of which is exposed) in nitric acid to a length of 2 or 3 centimetres. After a short attack, the part immersed becomes passive, and is covered with a dark deposit containing carbon. This done, if we suddenly immerse the foil to a fresh length of 3 or 4 centimetres, the attack commences from above, is propagated to the lower part, and, when the passivity is anew produced, we find the whole of the immersed length charged with black deposit. In this first case the active portion destroys the passivity of the extremity. If, on the other hand, we immerse the foil slowly in the acid, it will remain passive without the part newly immersed undergoing the least attack, as is evident from its clear and bright look. Here the passive extremity communicates its state to the other portion.

IV. We may bathe the end of a wire in water, without destroying the passivity, provided care is taken not to immerse the wire in the water

both become passive; if we touch one wire with copper, both become active. These experiments are more delicate than the preceding, owing to the electric resistance of the liquid.

VII. The passivity may be destroyed in another manner, which shows the role of electricity. Connect the wire of a galvanometer, on one hand, with a spiral of platinum or copper which has been plunged in a conducting liquid that does not destroy the passivity, e. g., a solution of nitrate of potash, and, on the other hand, with a wire of iron protected by mastic as explained. Then close the circuit by introducing the iron into the nitrate; the needle indicates an immediate and permanent current going from the galvanometer to the iron. We obtain the same result (which is easy to force), if, after rendering the iron passive, and washing it well with water, we immerse it an instant in a liquid which destroys the passivity; e. g., in a solution of marine salt. But if we close the circuit after having washed the passive iron in water, or in a liquid without action on the passivity, we perceive a slight movement of recoil in the needle, indicating a first current



ART GALLERY OF THE CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION, PHILADELPHIA, 1876.

DETAILS.

The main front looks southward. It displays three distinctive features. 1st, a main entrance in the center of the structure, consisting of three colossal arched door-ways of equal dimensions; 2d, a pavilion at each end; 3d, two arcades, connecting the pavilions with the center. Central section, 95 feet long 72 feet high. Pavilions, 45 feet long 60 feet high. Arcades, each 90 feet long 40 feet high.

CENTRAL SECTION.

The front, on south face of the central section, displays a rise of 13 steps to the entrance, 70 feet wide. The entrance is by three arched door-ways, each 40 feet high and 15 feet wide, opening into a hall. Between the arches of the door-ways are clusters of columns, terminating in emblematic designs illustrative of science and art.

The doors, which are of iron, are relieved by bronze panels, bearing the arms of all the States and Territories. In the center of the main frieze is the United States coat of arms. The main cornice is surmounted by a balustrade with candelabra. At either end is an allegoric figure, representing science and art.

The dome rises from the center of the structure to the height of 150 feet from the ground. It is glass and iron, and of an original design, terminating in a colossal bell. From this the figure of Columbia rises with protecting hands. A figure of colossal size also stands at each end of the dome. These figures typify the four quarters of the globe.

THE PAVILIONS.

Each pavilion displays a window 30 feet high and 12 feet wide; it is also ornamented

niches designed for statues. The frieze is richly ornamented; above it the central dome shows to great advantage.

REAR FACADE.

The rear, or north front, is of the same general character as the main front, but in place of the arcade is a series of arched windows, 13 in number, with an entrance in the center; in all thirteen openings. Above, in an unbroken line extending the entire length of the structure between the pavilions, is the grand balcony, a promenade of 275 feet long and 45 feet wide, elevated 40 feet above the ground, overlooking, northward, the whole panorama of the park grounds.

INTERIOR.

The main entrance opens into a hall 82 feet long, 60 feet wide and 53 feet high, decorated in the modern Renaissance style. On the farther side of this hall three doorways, each 16 feet wide and 25 feet high, open into the central hall. This hall is 83 feet square, the ceiling of the dome rising over it 80 feet in height. From its east and west sides extend the galleries, each 98 feet long, 85 feet wide and 35 feet in height. These galleries admit of temporary divisions for the more advantageous display of paintings. The central hall and galleries form one grand hall 287 feet long and 85 feet wide, holding 8000 persons—nearly twice the capacity of the largest hall in the country. From the two galleries, doorways open into two smaller galleries 28 feet wide and 89 feet long. These open North and South into private apartments which connect with the pavilion rooms, forming two side galleries 210 feet long. Along the whole length of the north side of the main

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The Passivity of Iron.

To produce in a certain manner the somewhat capricious phenomena of passivity, says M. de Regnon, I use iron wires or rods of fencing foil, the surface of which is protected, for a certain length, by a glass tube or a layer of mastic. The free extremity, with a length of 2 to 3 centimetres, is plunged entirely in the acid.

I. An electric current entering by the iron into nitric acid, renders the iron passive while the current lasts; and after rupture of the current the iron remains passive. A current leaving by the iron destroys the passivity, and this change of state may be reproduced indefinitely. Iron acting as positive electrode in a mixture of sulphuric acid and water, liberates oxygen, is weakly attacked, and becomes passive for nitric acid. A reversal of the current's direction destroys the passivity.

II. One may stop the attack of iron by nitric acid, by touching or (better) rubbing it in the nitric acid with a body that is a good conductor and not attacked by the acid, such as platinum or conducting charcoal. This action of charcoal explains why steel and cast iron become passive of themselves. The experiment succeeds better the larger the surface, of contact, and the larger the total surface of the body which is not attacked. Further, the more concentrated the acid, the more easily is the passivity obtained.

III. The contact of a metal attacked by acid destroys, it is known, the passivity. If, then we put in contact a passive iron wire and an

beyond the protective mastic. We may even scrape the wire, in the water, with another passive wire, or with the end of a clean tube of glass, without its state being changed, and this experiment quite destroys the explanation of passivity by formation of an insoluble deposit.

V. I have tried the action of other liquids after having each time bathed the passive iron in pure water, and I have verified the proposition (already known). Oxidizing substances are without action on passive iron. Deoxidizing substances destroy the passivity.

VI. We may perceive that the actions of contact are reducible to electric actions, by means of the following experiments:

1. Connect together a wire of iron and a wire of platinum terminating in a spiral. Plunge the free end of the iron in the acid, and when the attack has commenced, introduce the spiral of platinum into the same glass, or into another glass containing acid, and put in communication with the first by a bridge of platinum. In an instant the iron becomes passive. The same experiment succeeds on connecting iron with conducting charcoal instead of platinum.

2. On the other hand, connect an iron and a copper wire. Plunge in the acid the free end of the iron, and render it passive by rubbing with platinum or with passive steel. This done, introduce the end of the copper wire into the same glass, or into another glass, as above, and immediately the iron is attacked.

3. Plunge into a glass filled with acid, or into two glasses connected by a bridge of platinum, the two extremities of two wires of iron connected exteriorly by a conductor. If we then rub in the liquid one wire only with platinum,

of very short duration going from the iron to the platinum by the galvanometer; then the needle is forced in the contrary direction, and indicates a permanent current from the platinum to the iron. But one find, that immediately this action is produced, the iron is become active again.

VIII. All these experiments seem to me to legitimize the following conclusions: 1. Most of the causes which produce passivity in iron may be reduced to a voltaic force carrying the oxygen to the iron and polarizing it on the surface of this metal. 2. Most of the causes which destroy the passivity of iron may be reduced, either to a voltaic force of the contrary direction or to a current due to polarization of the oxygen, and by which it is exhausted; or, lastly, to an absorption of the polarized gas by a body that has avidity for oxygen. I hope shortly to show that these phenomena of passivity are more general than is supposed.

IX. We can now explain two experimental precautions that were insisted on: 1. It is necessary to protect, with an impermeable layer, the portion of wire which is not plunged in the acid, otherwise the acid vapors bring this portion into a state which is opposed to the passivity of the immersed part. 2. When we bathe the passive extremity in water, the metal should not be immersed above the mastic otherwise the passivity is immediately destroyed, for a circuit is closed by which the polarization is exhausted.

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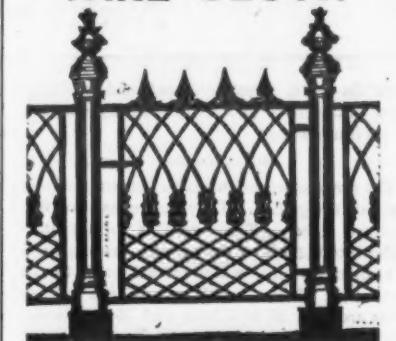
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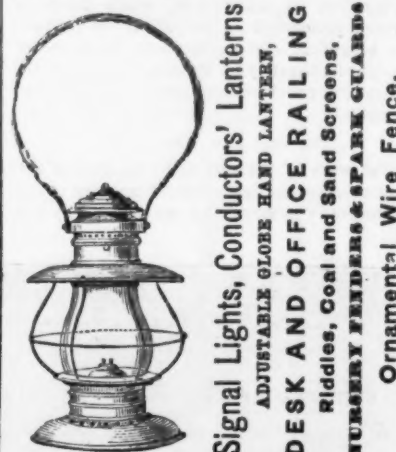
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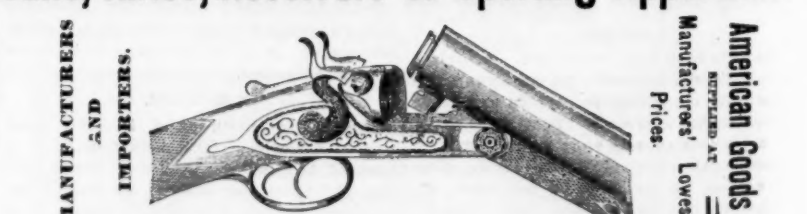
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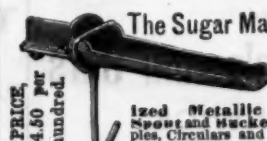
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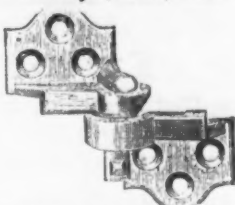
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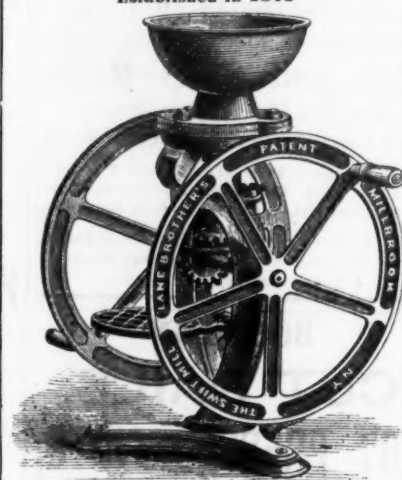
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Iron in Tennessee.

A correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette, writing from La Grange Furnace, says:

La Grange Furnace is situated near the Tennessee River, on the eastern side, about six miles below the crossing of the railroad leading from Louisville, Ky., to Memphis. The river at this point flows in a northerly direction, bearing a little west. Small creeks flow into it at various points, varying from one to three miles apart. There are no high lands along the river; no heavy rocks, such as are found in the hills of Southern Ohio. The banks are low, and particularly on this side the back-water, when the river rises, flows back upon the land from one-half to one mile. There are high points here and there running closer to the river, but I speak of the general formation. The land at this distance from the river rises gradually; the soil is sandy loam and clay, the subsoil a vast bed of river gravel. As this inclined plane recedes from the river it rises gradually to the height of 100 to 150 feet, and is broken by the streams mentioned, and again by their branches, so that the country presents a rolling, undulating, rather than a hilly appearance.

The La Grange Furnace is situated upon one of these creeks, Leatherwood, the valley of which is from a fourth to one-half mile wide of good soil for agricultural purposes.

Crossing this valley, and in less than a half-mile from the furnace stack, we come to an ore "bank," open and being worked. The miner began by excavating ("stripping") the earth a foot of the hill, the "bench" being about fifty feet long. At the depth of about ten feet they came to the ore. There is no rock overlying the ore, but the gravel spoken of rests on the ore, and mingles with it through the upper part of the vein. They have worked this mine over thirty years, and have mined, or, rather, quarried, into the hill about 200 feet, taking the ore out level with the foot of the hill at the point of starting. The hill rises to the height of forty-five feet above the point at which the mine was opened. After opening the mine, until they had excavated about one-fourth of an acre, they mined from the floor down to the depth of about ten feet below the point of entrance. At present they are mining further into the hill, and also going deeper down into the foundation of it. A measurement of the face of this mine gave the following result: From the surface of the earth we have soil, or gravel, twenty feet; iron ore down to the present floor, thirty-one and a half feet; but they have cut down into this floor a track across the mine four and a half feet deep, preparatory to mining out a trench across the mine; this four and a half to thirty-one and a half gives thirty-six feet of ore to twenty feet of soil. Nor is this all. At a short distance, less than fifty yards from the entrance to this mine, the company sank a well to the depth of thirty-six feet down, not through, but into the ore, and at the depth of thirty-six feet they blasted out iron ore. So that the bottom of the well is, as the sides, simply iron ore.

A small stationary engine pumps the water from the mine, that comes in from time to time and in case of storms, and the mining goes on nicely with no inconvenience. They do not raise the ore by any machinery, but simply by a graded road, driving the wagons down into the mines to load them. The superintendent of mines, who, by the way, has been working these mines since 1848, assured me that the miners were getting out from eight to ten tons each per day. In fact, all that has to be done is to break up the ore by blasting and with sledges, to the size for loading. Of course, there are seams in the ore. If there were not it would be more difficult to mine. The matrix of the ore is generally a red pipe clay, though in places the gravel and sand take its place. The top of the ore, say the upper eight or ten feet, has more clay and gravel mixed into it, and the deeper the mining the more solid the ore. There is some flint in the ore, but that is confined to the upper portion, as the lower part is free from flint, and is almost solid. In many places in Southern Ohio, miners can afford to remove a foot of earth for an inch of ore, and not infrequently six feet of earth are removed for ten inches of ore. But here we have a mine that requires only one-half inch of earth to an inch of ore. The superintendent told me that some eighteen or twenty years ago, in a bank a half mile from this ore, he, having stripped a bench, threw down at one blast 315 wagon loads of ore. They didn't weigh on them as now, but the loads were estimated at one and a half tons each. Mr. Garrett, the president of the La Grange Iron Works, informed me that the present company had taken from this mine a little over 50,000 tons of ore since it had been working these furnaces (the La Grange and Clark, the latter being situated one mile north of La Grange), and yet less than one-fourth of an acre of soil has been disturbed. The general form of the ore is peculiar. It lies in a mass, but the mass is made up of nodules, "kidneys," boulders and blocks of irregular form, ranging in size from an egg—to a small house—I was about to say, but I will say a hog-head—blocks or boulders the size of a flour barrel being very common; many of these are hollow. The ore is six inches to one foot in thickness, the inner portions being the finest of ore, almost a pure oxide of iron. Some of these are full of water, which seems to have been put in and then the cask hermetically sealed all together. The formation is difficult of description. These nodules and blocks are packed in close and then cemented, as it were, with the clay above mentioned. If the reader will imagine an immense lake of clay of such consistency that a block of ore would readily sink in it, then imagine millions of tons of ore, in blocks and nodules, as I have spoken of, thrown into this lake as if "dumped" from some huge cart, and then heaped and piled up until fair sized hills are made here and there over it, and over all this a coating of gravel,

clay and sand from five to twenty-five feet thick, as if for the protection of the mass, he will have some idea of the formation.

The ore has evidently been deposited by the action of water, but it is equally evident that since its deposit it has been heated to a very high temperature, and there can be but little doubt that the hills and ridges between the streams are the effect of volcanic action—the original deposit was quite extensive, and the action referred to may easily have disturbed the formation, leaving it uneven as to thickness.

Mines are worked at various points along the ridge, and the outcrop at various points shows that it is general across the country to the Cumberland River, where the Dover Furnace, ten miles from here, is working the same ore.

The ore is brown hematite, portions of it having the appearance of specular ore. An analysis of it is as follows: One piece (selected, of course) analyzed by E. S. Wayne, of your city, gave the following result: Peroxide of iron, 95.34; phosphorus, a trace; sulphur, a trace; lime, 0.21; silica, 3.71; loss, 0.74; equal to 65.75 of pure iron.

An analysis by J. Blodgett Britton, of Philadelphia, of several pieces, fair average, of the ore as it comes on the stock bank, gave the following result: Water, 0.10; insoluble silicious matter, 10.61; soluble silicious matter, 1.40; pure iron (in form of sesquioxide) 5.91; oxygen with iron, 23.41; alumina, 1.36; lime, 1.40; sulphur, 0.03; phosphorus, 0.06. Double assay yielded 56.10 metal, cast iron. Two tons of roasted or burnt ore makes one ton of iron, one blast with another, at the furnace.

The First American Anthracite Iron.

A correspondent of the Iron and Steel Association, writing from Cincinnati under date of Aug. 18th, says:

Whilst the many familiar with the history of iron making accord to Mr. Neilson, of Scotland, the credit for his invention of the hot blast as applicable to the anthracite blast furnace, they forget the fact that as far back as 1833 (one year before Mr. Neilson filed his patent papers, and three years before Parliament granted him the right to the patent, and five years before Mr. Crane conceived the idea of a practical result from Mr. Neilson's patent—vide British Association's Report for 1838), Dr. Frederic W. Geisenhainer, of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, was experimenting with ovens for heating air before its introduction into the blast furnace; and the result of his experiments on a small scale was so satisfactory that his caveat for the patent was prepared. His experiments continued through 1837, '38 and '39 in connection with Mr. William Lyman, who was then running the furnace at Pottsville with charcoal. These gentlemen were encouraged by Mr. Nicholas Biddle (of United States Bank fame), of Philadelphia, and Col. Joseph Paxton, of Catawissa, Pennsylvania; the former offering a premium of one thousand dollars for the first ton of anthracite pig iron made in this country.

On the 18th of January, 1840, Mr. Lyman invited a number of gentlemen to Pottsville to witness the working of his furnace with anthracite coal. All that Dr. Geisenhainer had planned and taught seven years before was then practically demonstrated, and to Mr. Lyman was awarded the premium for the first anthracite pig iron made in this country. The furnace in which it was made was then christened the "Pioneer Furnace," and is still known by that name. On the occasion of this celebration Mr. Biddle made this prophetic speech:

"And this, after all, is the great mystery—the substitution of what is called the hot blast in lieu of the cold blast. Let us see the changes which this simple discovery is destined to make. As long as the iron ores and coal of the anthracite region were incapable of fusion the ore were entirely useless, and the coal nearly unavailable for manufactures, while, as the disappearance of timber made charcoal very expensive, the iron of Eastern Pennsylvania was comparatively small in quantity and high in price, and the defective communication with the interior made its transportation very costly. The result was that, with all the materials for supplying iron in our own hands, the country has been obliged to pay enormous sums to Europeans for this necessary. * * * This dependence is deplorable; it ought to cease for ever; and let us hope that, with the new power this day acquired, we shall rescue ourselves hereafter from such a costly humiliation. We owe it to ourselves not thus to throw away the bounties of Providence who in these very materials has blessed us with a provision wholly unknown elsewhere. With these resources you would have abundant employment, if you could only supply the present want of the country for which we are now dependent on foreigners. But the sphere of demand is every day widening for the consumption of iron. The time has come when nothing but iron made will satisfy the impatience of travelers and the competition of trade. The time is coming when iron ships will supplant these heavy, short lived and inflammable structures of wood. We shall not long be content to cover our houses with strips of wood under the name of shingles, prepared for the first sparks, if we can have low priced iron, in which event, too, the present pavements of our towns would be superseded by footways of iron. * * * If the coal and iron have made Great Britain what she is, if this has given her the power of four hundred millions of men and impelled the manufacturers which have made us, like the rest of the world, her debtors, why should not we, with at least equal advantages, make them the instruments of their own independence?"

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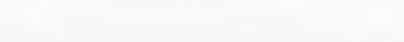
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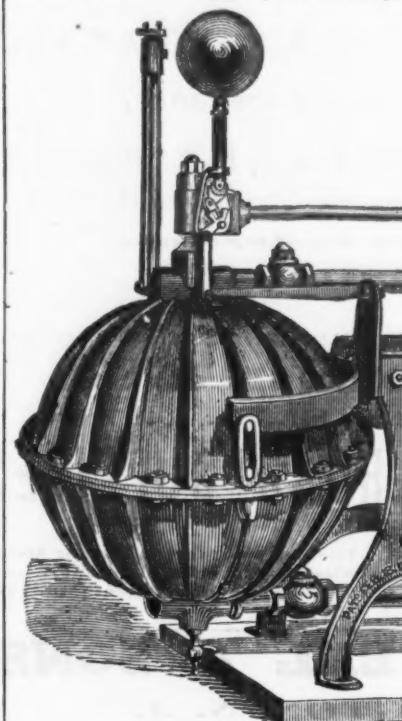
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situated below the water level in the boiler, it is
necessary to use a device of some kind for get-
ting rid of the water of condensation as fast as
it is formed, as otherwise it backs up in the
pipes and stops radiation. In apparatus hereto-
fore contrived for the purpose, water at a
high temperature has been allowed to run to
waste, excepting where it was sought to return
it to the boiler, in which case it was necessary
to trap it into a tank and thence, after consider-
able loss of heat, to force it back into the boiler
by the aid of a pump.The object of the invention now illustrated is
to keep the heating apparatus free from water
and to effect the restoration of the water to the
boiler at a temperature only a few degrees lower
than that of the steam itself, by the automatic
operation of a simple trap, unaided by pumps
or other means. This trap is represented in the
accompanying engraving, and its construction
will no doubt be readily understood from the
same and the following explanation: Premis-
ing that the three connecting pipes which are
broken apart in the engraving are, in reality,**New Patents.**We take from the records of the patent office
at Washington the following specifications of
certain patents lately issued, which will be
found interesting:**IMPROVEMENT IN THE MANUFACTURE OF STEEL****FOR AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.**Specification forming part of Letters Patent
No. 154,437, dated August 25, 1874, issued to
James E. Atwood, of Pittsburgh.**CASE A.**This invention relates to a new compound
metal for the manufacture of agricultural imple-
ments, &c., which may be easily annealed,
hammered, tempered and fashioned into any
desired shape without crumbling or breaking,castings in general, said castings being placed
upon a bed of fire and raised to a cherry red
heat, and then covered with a suitable fuel until
the whole mass becomes thoroughly ignited;
then the fire is "banked," by the use, prefera-
bly, of slag, cinder, ashes, sand, earth, or other
suitable "banking" agents capable of shut-
ting off all draft, for the purpose of retaining
the heat for the desired length of time, so as to
burn out the carbon or oxidize the same, and
thus render the iron tough and malleable. The
material from which the castings are made is
composed of wrought cast iron, and steel may
be substituted for either or added to the union
of the same. The iron, after being thus treated,
will be perfectly malleable, and may be readily
welded and tempered. In carrying out the in-
vention, select, preferably, old or waste iron,
melt and cast into mold boards for plows, or
castings of machinery in general, as per a pro-
cess described in application filed simultaneously
herewith, for a compound or mixture of metals.
The castings thus produced are ready to be de-
carbonized or annealed. To effect such with-
out the employment of cans or oxides, place
the same upon a bed of fire in any common
furnace, and raise the same to a cherry-red
heat. The bed of fuel and the castings in their**AN IMPROVED STEAM TRAP.**extended sufficiently far horizontally to give
them elasticity enough to allow the apparatus to
operate easily.It consists essentially of a hollow globe, sup-
ported by one end of a lever and counter-
balanced by a weight at the other. The top-
most pipe is connected with the steam space of
the boiler, and is opened and closed to the
globe by the automatic weighted valve seen on
the top of the same. The larger pipe beneath
supplies the globe or trap with the condensed
water from the heating apparatus. It is pro-
vided with a check valve opening inward. The
pipe at the bottom connects the globe with the
water space of the boiler, and is furnished
with a check valve opening outward. The
operation is as follows: When the globe gets
filled with a certain weight of the condensed
water, it overbalances the weight at the other
end of the lever, and descends. In descending,
it moves the mechanism of the steam valve suf-
ficiently to shift the center of gravity of the
attached weight beyond its supporting point,
which causes the ball to fall and open the steam
valve. The steam pressure closes the check
valve in the supply pipe, and allows the water
in the trap to flow into the boiler through the
bottom pipe, whose check valve opens to let it
pass. When the globe has lost sufficient weight
through the escape of the water, it is raised
again by the weighted lever, and the steam
valve is shut by the operation of its attendant
mechanism. The condensed water is again
admitted by the opening of the check valve in
the supply pipe, and the operation is repeated
continuously.The steam valve apparatus is so nicely ad-
justed that the machine cannot, by any possi-
bility, rest on a center; the valve must always
be fully opened or closely shut. An air valve
is also attached to the globe, by which the air
is expelled.The inventor estimates that the use of this
trap secures a saving of certainly not less than
ten per cent. over any other method of return-
ing water of condensation to the boiler, where
the coils are below the water level. Where the
coils are all above the water line, and the re-
turn is made by "direct circulation," a large
saving is still effected by using the trap, as its
action is such as to force a continual circulation
without intermission, and thereby to keep the
coils nearly up to boiler heat all the time. He
claims, as a consequence, that a given space
may be heated to a given temperature with one-
fourth less pipe, by this method, than by any
other. The invention, which was patented by
Mr. James H. Blessing, Feb. 13, 1873, has been
in satisfactory practical operation in a variety
of manufacturing and other establishments for
the past year. Further information may be ob-
tained of Messrs. Townsend & Blessing, care
Townsend & Jackson, Albany, N. Y.**A Mammoth Anvil.**—The foundry at Dut-
ton street, Lowell, has for some time past
been manufacturing a mammoth anvil block for
the Nashua Iron and Steel Company. The block
is in four sections, the last one of which has
just been cast. The mold being carefully pre-pared, the men having charge of the work took
their positions, and soon the heated iron was
poured from the cupola into the mold, which
was filled with about 43,000 pounds in two min-
utes and fifty seconds. The weight of the
whole block is nearly 80 tons, the largest ever
manufactured in that city. A mammoth ham-
mer, weighing about 10 tons, is to be furnished
by the same firm. It will be cast in one sec-
tion.as is the case in the ordinary malleable cast-
ings, commonly made, and which can be tem-
pered in water afterward, instead of being
case hardened, as is necessary in the ordinary
castings for this purpose, and which will pos-
sess sufficient hardness, and be entirely free
from porosity. It consists in a combination of
ordinary cast or pig iron, wrought iron, and
scrap or waste iron, melted and united in the
presence of a flux, which may consist of a car-
bonate of lime, or marble dust, or quartz rock,
or any of the silicic acid compounds which
contain no potash or other alkalis which will
injure the iron.The combination of the ingredients forming
the compound metal may be effected in vari-
ous ways, either in crucibles, cupolas, fur-
naces, or gas or air furnaces, as may be de-
sired. In fact, any furnace in which the
proper degree of heat can be produced may be
employed, and will answer the purpose. The
proportion of the ingredients to be employed
will vary somewhat, however, according to
the means or apparatus used for effecting the
combination.When melted and combined in a crucible,
cast and wrought iron are employed in equal
parts; when in a cupola furnace, in the pro-
portion of five-eighths of cast iron and three-
eighths of wrought iron. The scrap may be
added in any desired proportion to these in-
gredients, as the nature of the compound may
require. When the ingredients are to be
combined in gas or air furnace, three-eighths
of cast iron, four-eighths of wrought iron,
and one-eighth of scrap or old iron are used.
These are all melted and combined in the
presence of a flux consisting of carbonate
of lime, or marble dust, or silicon, or the
silicic acid compounds containing no potash
or other active alkali which would injure the
iron.The scrap iron, before being added to the
mass, is melted and rendered homogeneous in
any convenient manner—in a blast or cupola
furnace, for instance.The prime object of the invention is to bring
the metals into a perfect union in a molten
state, and prepare them specially for casting in
green sand molds, since the metal is brought
to such a high, pure and hard state that it will
be in such molds, and all danger of explosions
avoided.**Claim.**—The improved compound metal for
manufacture of agricultural implements, &c.,
consisting of cast iron, wrought iron and scrap
iron previously melted, the whole being united
in the presence of a flux, such as marble dust
or its equivalents.**CASE B.**This invention relates to a new and improved
process of decarbonizing or annealing refined
iron and highly carbonized steel to dispense
with much of the labor and apparatus that has
heretofore been necessary in the decarbonizing
or annealing process, and produce a finished
article which will be ready for use without fur-
ther treatment. The invention consists in de-
carbonizing or annealing metal castings, such
as the mold boards of plows, and machineryhighly heated state are covered with suitable
fuel and the furnace let run until the whole
mass of fuel becomes thoroughly ignited. The
fire is then banked, using for such any of the
usual banking agents—for instance, slag, cinder,
ashes, sand, earth, or other suitable material
capable of preventing a draft—the object being
to prevent any further combustion of the ma-
terial, so as to retain the bed of fire and the
castings in the high heat to which they are
raised, and in such condition the fire and the
castings are permitted to remain for a space,
say about twelve or forty-eight hours, substan-
tially as hereinafter specified.The length of time to which the castings are
treated will depend upon the nature and object
for which they are to be ultimately used. When
designed for hammering, or working like or-
dinary wrought iron, the heating will have to
be extended through a space of 48 hours; but
in the case of articles that have only to be tem-
pered to be rendered fit for use, the heating will
only have to be continued for 12 hours, or a lit-
tle more or less. In the latter case, or when
the articles have only to be tempered, it will
not be necessary to thoroughly decarbonize the
same, and, hence, the heating will occupy less
time. Heretofore, in preparing castings, and
decarbonizing the same to be annealed and tem-
pered, it has been necessary to subject them to
the action of heat in the presence of various
oxides in closed vessels or cans, for the pur-
pose of decarbonizing the same, or oxidizing
the carbon contained therein. This has been
always attended with much labor, and requires
the use of expensive apparatus, which has often
to be renewed, as it readily burns out and be-
comes useless.**Claim.**—The process herein described of con-
verting refined or cast iron and highly carbon-
ized steel into malleable metal, by heating the
same in an open or common fire, substantially
as herein described.**Steel for Cannon.**—The *Revue d'Artillerie*,
published by order of the Minister of War, in
France, contains the report of Major Bobillier,
of the artillery, on the experiments made last
year, at Creusot, in steel for the construction
of cannon. The object of M. Schneider was, of
course, to produce a metal that should be free
from the faults both of cast iron and bronze,
and according to the report this object has been
obtained, for in the words of a communication
made by General Morin to the Paris Academy
of Sciences on the last day of August: "On the
one hand accidents like those which caused the
Russian government to reject a whole material
of artillery from the famous establishment of
Essen are not to be feared with the soft steel
tried at Creusot; and, on the other, the three
pieces of 78 m. 6 m. (310 inches) experimented
on, supported without reaching the limit of
their power of resistance, and without being
deformed nearly as much as bronze would have
been under the same circumstances, the most
severe trials, and to which guns of that calibre
are never submitted in ordinary service." The
experiments are still being pursued, but General
Morin told the academy that it might be safely
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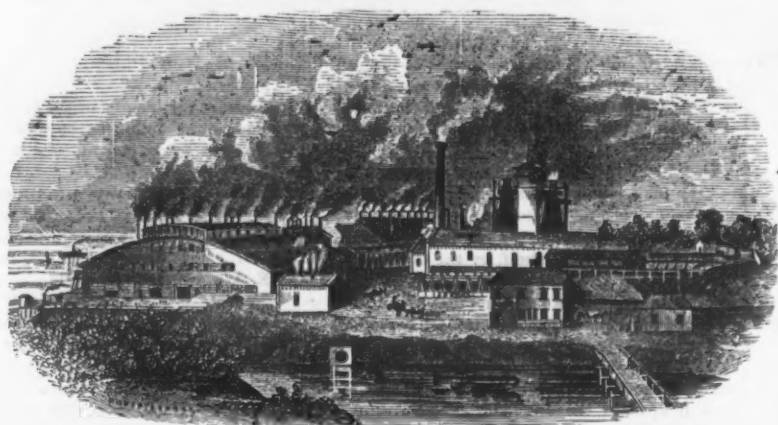
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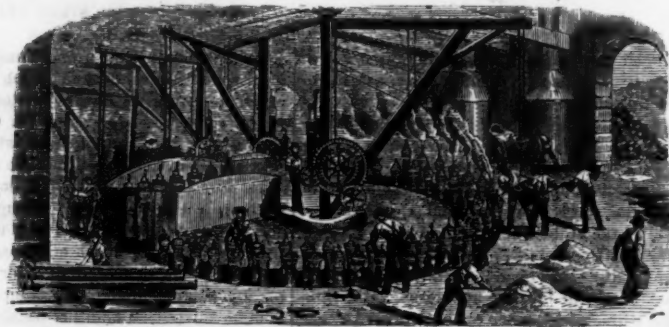
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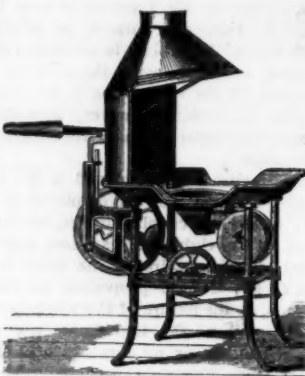
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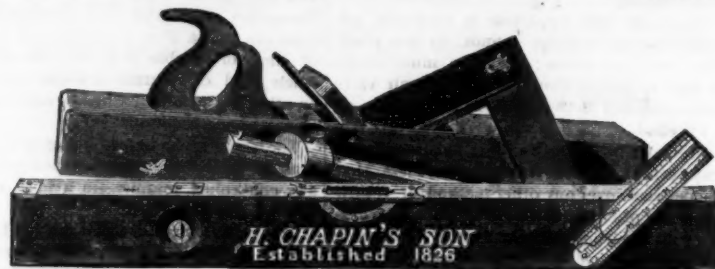
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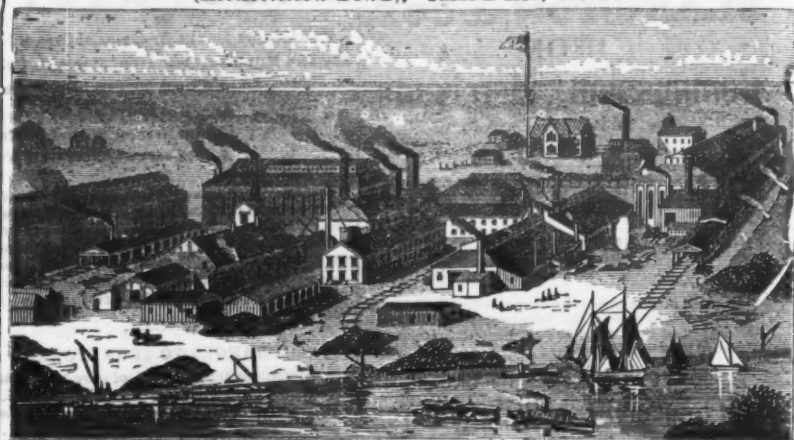
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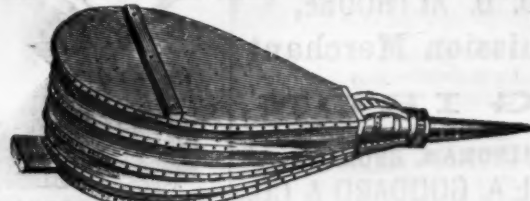
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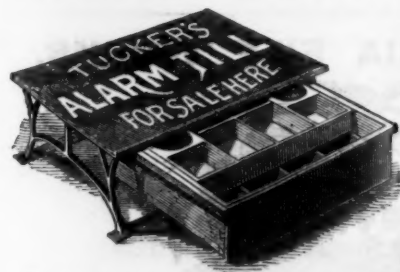
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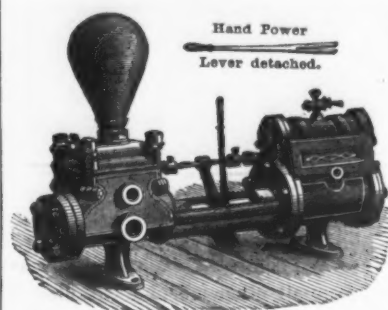
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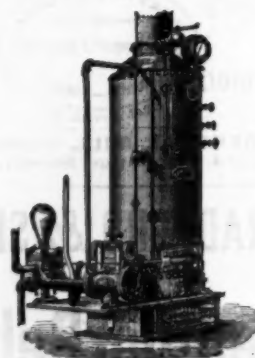
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| | | |
|----|------|---|
| A | -15 | To be added when all the holes are fair and good in the longitudinal seams, but drilled out of place after bending. |
| B | -3 | To be added when all the holes are fair and good in the longitudinal seams, but drilled out of place before bending. |
| C | -3 | To be added when all the holes are fair and good in the longitudinal seams, but punched after bending instead of drilled. |
| D | -5 | To be added when all the holes are fair and good in the longitudinal seams, but punched before bending. |
| E* | -75 | To be added when all the holes are not fair and good in the longitudinal seams. |
| F | -1 | To be added if the holes are all fair and good in the circumferential seams, but drilled out of place after bending. |
| G | -15 | To be added if the holes are fair and good in the circumferential seams, but drilled before bending. |
| H | -15 | To be added if the holes are fair and good in the circumferential seams, but punched after bending. |
| I | -2 | To be added if the holes are fair and good in the circumferential seams, but punched before bending. |
| J* | -2 | To be added if the holes are not fair and good in the circumferential seams. |
| K | -2 | To be added if double butt straps are not fitted to the longitudinal seams and the said seams are lap and double riveted. |
| L | -1 | To be added if double butt straps are not fitted to the longitudinal seams and the said seams are lap and treble riveted. |
| M | -3 | To be added if only single butt straps are fitted to the longitudinal seams and the said seams are double riveted. |
| N | -15 | To be added if only single butt straps are fitted to the longitudinal seams and the said seams are treble riveted. |
| O | -1 | To be added when any description of joint in the longitudinal seams is single riveted. |
| P | -1 | To be added if the circumferential seams are fitted with single butt straps and are double riveted. |
| Q | -2 | To be added if the circumferential seams are fitted with single butt straps and are single riveted. |
| R | -1 | To be added if the circumferential seams are fitted with double butt straps and are single riveted. |
| S | -1 | To be added if the circumferential seams are lap joints and are double riveted. |
| T | 2 | To be added if the circumferential seams are lap joints and are single riveted. |
| U | -25 | To be added when the circumferential seams are lap and the streaks or plates are not entirely under or over. |
| V | -3 | To be added when the circumferential seams are not fitted with double butt straps and double riveted. When the boiler is of such a length as to fire from both ends, or is of unusual length, such as fire boilers. |
| W* | -4 | To be added if the seams are not properly crossed. |
| X* | -4 | To be added when the iron is in any way doubtful, and the surveyor is not satisfied that it is of the best quality. |
| Y | 1 65 | To be added if the boiler is not open to inspection during the whole period of its construction. |

Where marked * the allowances may be increased still further if the workmanship or material is very doubtful or very unsatisfactory.

The strength of the joints is found by the following method:

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|---|--|
| (Pitch—diameter of rivets) x 100 | Percentage of strength of plate at joint as compared with the solid plate. |
| Pitch | |
| (Area of rivets x No. of rows of rivets) by 100 | Percentage of strength of rivets as compared with the solid plate. |
| Pitch x thickness of plate | |

Then take iron as equal to twenty-three tons, and use the smallest of the two percentages as the strength of the joint, and adopt the factor of safety as found from the scale given in this circular:

(51500 x percentage of strength of joint) x twice thickness of the plate in inches

Inside diameter of the boiler in inches x factor of safety

Plates that are drilled in place must be taken apart and the burr taken off, and the holes slightly countersunk from the outside. Butt straps must be cut from plates (and not from bars), and must be of as good a quality as the shell plates, and for the longitudinal seams must be cut across the fibre. The rivet holes must be punched or drilled when the plates are punched or drilled in place must be taken apart and the burr taken off, and slightly countersunk from

* If the rivets are exposed to double shear, multiply the percentage as found by 1 5.

the outside. When single butt straps are used, and the rivet holes in them punched, they must be one-eighth thicker than the plates they cover. The diameter of the rivets must not be less than the thickness of the plates of which the shell is made, but it will be found when the plates are thin, or when lap joints or single butt straps are adopted, that the diameter of the rivets should be in excess of the thickness of the plates.—Thomas Gray.

A New Form of Wagon Drop for Blast Furnaces.*

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From the opposite side of the sheaves hang heavy counter-weights, which are sufficiently in excess of the weight of the cage to draw it to the top when the wagon is not on. The brake is made so that it always presses upon the periphery of the brake wheels except when the lever handle is raised. The brake is thus applied at the time the wagon is run on, and in order to lower the wagon and cage the attendant raises the lever, and by allowing the wheels to slip in the brake, controls the descent. When the wagon runs off at the bottom level the cage is pulled up again by the action of the counter-weights.

The author proposes to use water as the controlling agent in the drop. The cylinder is of the same length of stroke as the fall of the cage, and may be about 10 in. or 12 in. in diameter. The cage is attached to the piston by means of a long piston rod working through a stuffing box at the bottom of the cylinder. At the top of the cylinder is a small supply tank, fitted with a self-acting ball-cock, to keep the same always supplied from the nearest water main. A small adjustable hole in the cover communicates with the inside of the cylinder to insure that it is always full of water, and another small hole in the piston allows any air which may accumulate under the piston to pass to the upper part of the cylinder, where it escapes into the tank by the hole before mentioned.

A pipe connects the top to the bottom of the cylinder, through an ordinary water cock, which is controlled by the weigh bar and lever. A catch lever is placed alongside the valve lever, and serves to lock the cage as it comes to the top of its stroke. This holds the cage while the wagon runs on. When the cage with the wagon on is required to descend, the catch rod is liberated, and then the valve handle lifted. By the opening of this valve, the water passes from the bottom to the top of the piston, thus controlling the descent of the cage with the greatest nicety to any speed the attendant may choose. When the cage is at the bottom, a self-acting stop is removed by the action of the cage touching the ground, which allows the wagon to run off at the lower level. The cage being then lighter than the counterweights, is drawn up again, the water in the cylinder during the ascent returning from the top to the bottom of the piston. When the cage arrives at the top of its stroke it locks itself, and is then ready for another wagon to be run on.

The bulk of the water passes and repasses through the cock, but on account of the area of the piston being less by the area of the piston rod on the lower side than the upper, the water at the top, displaced as the piston rises, cannot find room at the lower side of the piston, and will therefore find relief by a portion equivalent to the cubical contents of the piston rod passing through the small hole in the cylinder cover into the supply tank. In the same way when the piston again descends, there would be an equal deficiency in the water passing from the bottom to the top side of the piston: this is compensated by the same amount of water repassing through the hole in the cover. By this means the cylinder is always kept full of water, which is essential to the successful working of the apparatus. It will be observed that the same water is used over and over again, and that the ball valve in the tank is merely to supply any loss from evaporation or leakage. A small pipe encircling the cylinder is employed for the admission of steam in frosty weather to prevent the freezing of the water. This comes from the nearest steam pipe, and after coiling a few times round the lower part of the cylinder, passes up to the top tank alongside of the connecting pipe.

This form of hydraulic brake is on the same principle as an apparatus invented by the author a few years ago, for lowering charges into blast furnaces. The cylinder is in this case of very short stroke, and is attached to a beam, the opposite end of which supports the bell. In lowering the charge a catch-rod is liberated, and by opening a cock the water is allowed to pass from the top to the bottom of the piston, exactly as in the hydraulic wagon drop. The simplicity of this arrangement has led to its adoption in the case of 81 furnaces up to the present time.

The author patented the hydraulic drop at the same time as the bell and hopper arrangement, but the cost always seems an obstacle to its adoption, until Mr. Wilson, of Middlesbrough, suggested, and under the superintendence of Mr. Howson, designed the arrangement with brick supports instead of cast iron; this reduced the cost so much as to put the hydraulic drop under very favorable conditions for comparison as to cost with the ordinary drop. Mr. Howson agreed with the author to erect one at the Lincolnshire Iron Smelting Company's works at Frodingham, where it is now in operation. (A model was shown representing the Frodingham drop, which has a stroke of 22 ft., the cylinder being only 6 in. in diameter. The cost of the drop was under £400, including all brickwork.)

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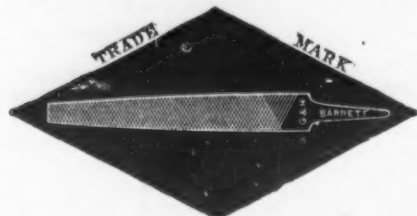
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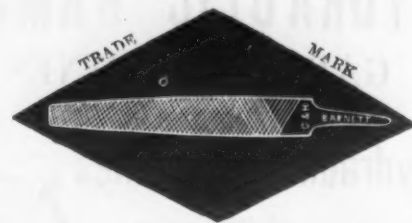
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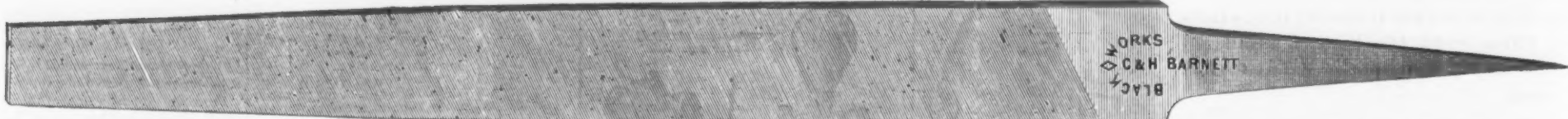
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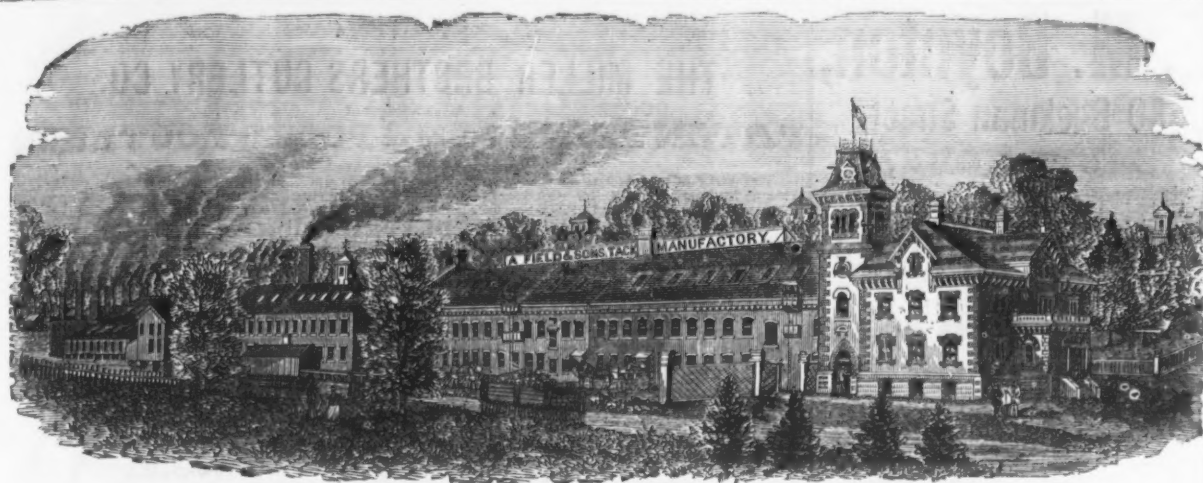
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BUSINESS ITEMS.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Williamsburg Manufacturing Company recently disposed of 400 tons of pig iron to the First National Bank, of Hollidaysburg, \$27 per ton being the price paid.

The Sheridan Furnace, at Lebanon, Wm. Kauffman & Co., proprietors, which was commenced no farther back than April last, is approaching completion. It will be 60 feet high and 16 feet across the bosh.

The New Castle *Guardian* says: Hope Furnace, at Rose Point, is receiving a new hearth, and other improvements are being made in buildings, &c. There is a heavy stock of ore and coal on hand. The furnace averaged during her last run nearly eight tons per day of charcoal iron. Although the furnace has never stopped on account of hard times, good wages and prompt pay have not returned since the panic. This is a warm blast charcoal furnace, 28 feet high and 8½ feet at boshes.

The Bethlehem Iron Company have determined to increase their indebtedness by placing a loan of \$1,000,000.

The Rohrerstown Iron Works, Lancaster county, blew out a few days ago, and work will be suspended therein for some time, to enable the owners to take an account of stock and make necessary repairs and alterations.

The firm of Wm. B. Scaife & Sons, of Pittsburgh, have just completed the iron framing, with corrugated iron covering and siding, of the immense grain elevator in Philadelphia for the International Navigation Company. The building is 92x208 feet, and from the track floor to ridge of roof is about 130 feet high.

Blake & Fessenden's Western File Works, Beaver Falls, employ 200 hands, and are working full time. Capacity of the works, 1000 dozen files per day.

Reese, Graff & Woods' steel department, of Pittsburgh, is running over-time. The sales of steel by this firm during August were \$6000 greater than ever before in any one month. Their iron department is still running double turn.

A strike is announced among the machinists and blacksmiths employed by the Lancaster Manufacturing Company, makers of rim bolts and railroad hardware, because wages were paid in scrip instead of cash. A suspension of operations by the company is deemed probable.

Since Messrs. Wilson, Leggett & Co. acquired possession of the Union Forge and Iron Mill some \$25,000 worth of machinery has been added. A link machine, recently introduced, cuts a piece of iron from a bar and shapes it into a link, at one operation, and does it with perfect accuracy and great speed. They also have a machine that makes two pins at once, and with amazing speed—pounding, shaping and completing them in a few minutes from the bar of iron.

The New Castle *Guardian* says: Our rolling mills are running double turn, and the nail factories to their full capacity, and six out of seven furnaces in blast.

Jos. Graff & Co., Beaver Falls, manufacturers of axes and planters' hoes, employ 130 hands, and are working full turn, turning out 75 dozen axes per day, and 10,000 dozen planters' hoes per year.

Myers & Armour's Shovel Works, Beaver Falls, are running on full time, and are turning out 40 dozen shovels and spades per day. Business reported fair.

The Black Diamond Steel Works, of Pittsburgh, are busy, the large sheet mill working double time.

The Brier Hill Iron and Coal Company have blown in their No. 2 stack. The object in starting their furnace at this time is to work up a large stock of ore and other raw material on hand. This stack has a good record, and will, no doubt, continue to do good work.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The new scythe establishment, built by H. S. Mansfield, at Millville, is 350 feet in length by 30 feet in width, and is operated by a hundred horse-power Corliss engine. Connected with the factory is also a machine shop for manufacturing steam engine and water-wheel regulators, spindles, rings and other cotton machinery. The scythe factory turns out over 84,000 scythe blades a year, beside a variety of hay knives, and corn knives, over 144,000 of the latter being produced last year. The factory gives employment to about 75 persons.

The Stevens Pistol Company, of Chicopee Falls, is now adding new and valuable machinery to its already large equipment.

Eighteen cylinder boilers are being made at the boiler works in Fall River, for Job Leonard & Co., of Somerset, and are to be placed in the new iron works which are to be erected in the latter place.

The Haskins Machine Company, of Fitchburg, is doing a good business. Since the first of January the company have sold 65 steam engines.

CONNECTICUT.

The Branford Lock Works are being so enlarged that the building will soon be, altogether, 800 feet long. The company employ 180 hands.

The New Haven Car Company is finishing three palace cars for the European and North American Railway. They cost \$11,000 or \$12,000 each.

The Secor Sewing Machine Company, at Bridgeport, are turning out 50 machines per day, an increase of 30 machines over their regular complement.

The Howe Sewing Machine Company, of Bridgeport, turn out 200 machines per day, and will soon increase their working force.

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The Enterprise Iron Works, of Cartwright, McCurdy & Co., Youngstown, are in full operation, with plenty of orders. This company manufacture hoop and band iron and steel

mixed tire, and do a business of \$650,000 a year.

The Franklin Machine Company, Columbus, have built an addition to their works which will be used as a foundry, and their working force, at present 133 hands, will be doubled.

The Cleveland Rolling Mill Company have begun excavating for their new wire mills, a little south of the old establishment, to be the same size as the old one.

INDIANA.

The manufacturing industries of Terra Haute have received an addition in the erection of works by the Wabash Iron Company, who intend to make a full line of merchant bar iron. This company has a capital of \$100,000, and have just commenced operations. Their works cover an area of 230 by 160 feet, and are made of wood with sheet iron covering. Their machinery consists in part of nine puddling, three heating and one scrap furnace, a squeezer, a 30 inch muck, and 18 inch bar and an 8 inch guide mill, several pairs of shears, each driven by its own engine, and other necessary appliances.

The Ohio Falls Car Works, at Jeffersonville, have been building a number of freight cars for the Des Moines & Minnesota Railroad.

The Southwestern Car Works, at Jeffersonville, have been working on repairs for the Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western road.

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They are putting in new muck rolls at the La Belle Mill, Wheeling.

At the Benwood Nail Factory, 111 nail machines are running, turning out small nails mostly. The spike machine is also at work.

The rolling mill at Moundsville has, it is said, taken a contract for Dewey, Vance & Co., of Wheeling, which will keep it running steady all winter.

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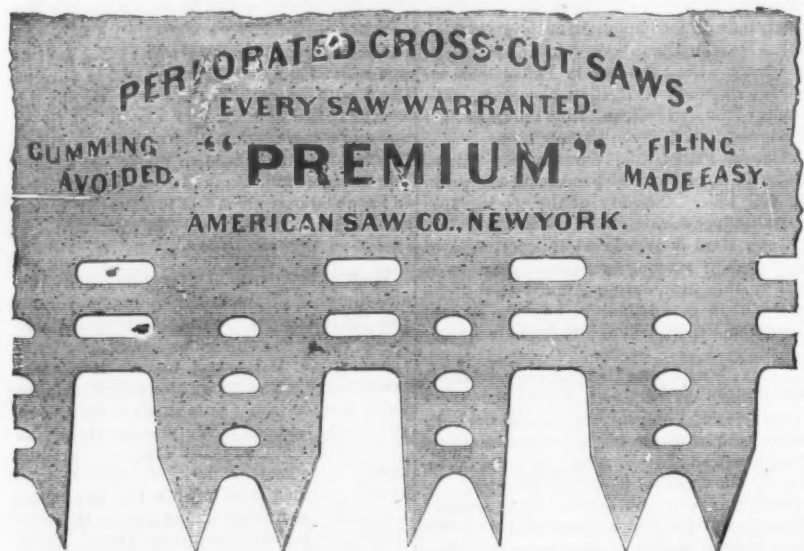
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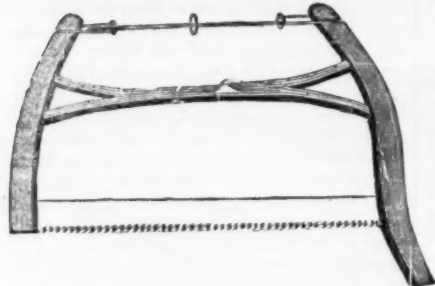


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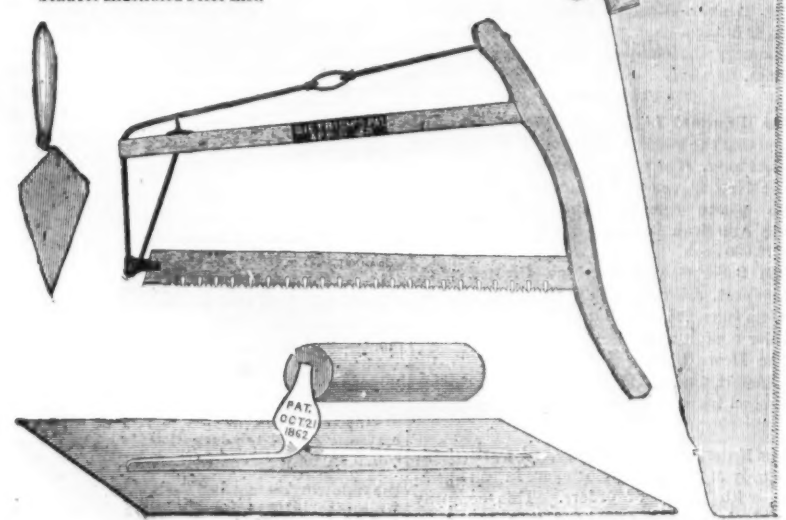
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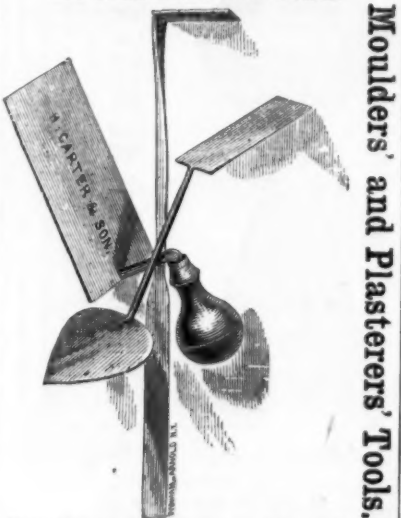
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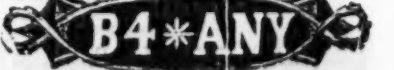
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The Iron and Coal Trades Review says of the workings of the Danks' machinery in North Staffordshire:

The South Staffordshire Mill and Forge Managers' Association paid a visit recently to the Ravensdale Iron Works, of Messrs. Robert Heath & Sons, to witness the working of the Danks rotary puddling machine, and they were conducted by Mr. John Lester, one of the three commissioners who inspected the machinery in the United States, and who is the secretary of the association. The visitors were received at the works by Mr. Chas. Fryer, the manager. At Ravensdale, the Danks plant consists of two of Mr. Ireland's cupolas, each capable of turning out 100 tons in twelve hours, but not at present used, six revolving furnaces erected, with four more in course of erection, a squeezer, a steam hammer and powerful rolls. All the machinery has been designed to bear great strain, the engines supply abundant power, and the squeezers are actuated by a separate steam engine having a 34 in. cylinder. The rolls are of the single hole balance groove class. Five furnaces were working on Friday; four with North Staffordshire pig iron produced by Messrs. Heath at their own blast furnaces, and one with castings, the sixth being off for the replacing of bricks which had come down from above the fire-place flue. The puddled iron is now being used chiefly to produce boiler plates.

Mr. Fryer explained that the furnaces were working at a disadvantage, by reason of a want of sufficiently good fettling. Undue time had to be given to the fettling operation, because common tap cinder had to be largely used; and this was insufficiently refractory. This, however, was a temporary difficulty, which Mr. Fryer hoped soon to be able to overcome.

The association attentively watched the working of the furnaces, satisfying themselves that the puddling was thoroughly done. The front of the movable flue is nicely adjusted, and it is held firmly by a simple screw, which answers the purpose much better than a rack wheel as first applied. The engines which actuated the furnaces are small and compact, being of 12 in. cylinder; they worked very easily, were sensitive to the slightest touch of the operator, and were capable of being run from a very slow revolution to from nine to ten revolutions per minute.

The furnace was ready for emptying in about an hour and a half. The ball, which was of an oval shape, was then lifted on to the fork, and carried to the squeezers, by the aid of what is known as the American telegraph. A pair of wheels, united by an axle, revolved upon rails suspended over head, at an incline. A hook, which depended from the center of the axle, supported the fork and its burden. In this way, and with marked rapidity, the ball reached the squeezers, and was tumbled in at the back. In 30 seconds it had been well squeezed horizontally and rammed end ways, and was upset ready for the steam hammer, to which it was taken on the bogie; and in two minutes had been beaten down to a slab suitable for bars 15 in. by 1 1/2 in. As the slab got into the rolls it was evident that the latter were doing their work remarkably well. It was noticed that both screws were worked with a wheel, and not with separate handles. The rolling took about 3 minutes. Thus, 5 1/2 minutes only were occupied between the time when the ball left the furnace and that at which it came out of the rolls a puddled bar 16 feet long by 15 inches wide and 1 1/2 inches thick. It is customary, at the Ravensdale Works to cut these into lengths for piling, and, according as it is required to make them ordinary, or best, or double best, or treble best plates—plates being the class of manufactured iron to the production of which the Danks furnace is applied in North Staffordshire—the pile is built up entirely of Danks bars or in specified proportions of Danks bars and half-furnace bars. When the latter are used, Danks bars are invariably employed for tops and bottoms; and as the size or the plates necessitate, so one pile, or two, or indeed three piles, were respectively employed in the plate mill. Each pile was rolled down in the usual way into a slab, then placed one upon the other in the furnaces and finished under the rolls. With the use of these slabs boiler plates of 33 cwt. were turned out with dimensions 12 ft. 3 1/2 in. long by 13 ft. 11 in. broad, and 1 1/2 in. thick. If the finish of these plates was not equal to that of South Staffordshire boiler plates, and if, because of the pig iron employed, the quality was hardly so good, Mr. Fryer is nevertheless satisfied that the plates which the use of the Danks furnace enables him to turn out, are superior to all others produced in North Staffordshire. He is prepared, he says, to back his plates for tensile strain against the plates of certain marked houses in South Staffordshire, and he claims that whilst they bear the hot test well, they have at the same time been proved equal, on an average of four, to a strain of 20 1/2 tons one way and 24 1/2 tons the other way. This strain more than complies with the government test. By the use of the Danks furnace he explained to his visitors he could make plates of much greater excellence than by the hand method. He does not profess that the system, even in his hands, is quite complete; but he expresses his determination to do his best to make it so. All its difficulties have not yet, he remarked, been overcome, but those of the past had been so surmounted as to assure him of ultimate perfect success.

Nor were the mill and forge managers of South Staffordshire indisposed to believe all this. Of one thing they were quite convinced—that the mechanical puddling which they saw at the Ravensdale Iron Works, was mechanically a success. There appeared to the forge managers to be difficulties in the way of adapting the 10 cwt. Danks furnace to the making of the smaller sizes for which South Staffordshire is so

well known, but to this, the mill managers and the millwrights replied by intimating that if the forge managers would do their part in producing the required quality of ball, they, in their turn, would overcome all the mechanical obstacles in the way of either splitting the ball or the slab, or cutting up a long bar, or rolling billets.

It may be added, that though Mr. Fryer has not yet made up a profit and loss balance sheet, yet he is convinced that, even in its present stage, Danks' process, as used at the Ravensdale Iron Works, is not a source of loss; and that he is equally certain that the mechanical difficulties in respect of the application of the principle to small sizes is in no degree insuperable.

We take the following from the Iron Trade Circular:

The subject of mechanical puddling has of late engaged the attention of the leading iron masters in nearly every district in the kingdom, and in addition to this the various systems which have been proposed have been discussed at several meetings of the Iron and Steel Institute, and the one which the Institute selected as the most likely to answer the purpose, was that known as the Danks' process. It will be in the recollection of our readers that a deputation from the ranks of our iron masters proceeded to the United States (for the purpose of thoroughly testing the merits of Mr. Danks' Rotary Puddler. The result was the introduction of the system into some of the iron works in the Cleveland district. But, strange to say, notwithstanding the severe trials which were made in the United States, when the system was fully tried in this country it was pronounced a failure, and the very company who had spent large sums of money in the erection of furnaces declared no dividends in consequence of the loss they had sustained by the adoption of the Danks' system of puddling. We had thought that Mr. Danks' process was about to collapse, but during the past week it has received a stimulus at the iron works of Mr. Robert Heath, at Ravensdale. A deputation of South Staffordshire mill managers

ington, writing to the Newcastle Chronicle in answer to some remarks which had been made about the failure of the Danks' process says: "The remarks that appeared in your issue of the 7th inst. in reference to the reported failure of the Danks' process of rotary puddling may be calculated to lead to the erroneous impression that, because Danks' system has so far proved a commercial failure, we shall be compelled again to resort to hand puddling. It is well that this impression should be got rid of; and all who are familiar with the iron trade must be aware that there is no good reason why hand puddling should still be persisted in. At the Round Oak Iron Works, Dudley, and at the Tudhoe Iron Works, Spennymoor, puddling furnaces have been worked for a considerable time past by mechanical means, on what is known as Dormoy's principle. By this method, hand labor is almost entirely obviated; and the results obtained up to the present time, and over a period sufficiently lengthy to prove that they can be permanently and regularly depended on, are of the most satisfactory character. Nearly 3000 tons of iron have been produced with the Dormoy furnaces at Tudhoe, with a consumption of not more than 12 cwt. of coal per ton of iron made, whereas the average consumption of coal per ton of iron made in the ordinary puddling furnace is not less than 25 cwt. But this is not all. The Dormoy puddling furnace gives a decidedly better production of iron than the ordinary puddling furnace, and the quality of the iron is considerably improved. With such results as these, it is absurd to talk of returning to the old and expensive system of hand puddling as the Roane Iron Company have done in America. Mechanical puddling, in one form or another, must become the system of the future."

The following table will show the result of a series of experiments which have been carried out at one of the large iron works in the Cleveland district, and which will interest our readers inasmuch as this is just the kind of information wanted to fully explain the system, and is so different to what is to be found in mere newspaper reports:

A REPORT OF THE RESULTS OF THE DORMOY PUDDLING PROCESS AS IN USE IN THE CLEVELAND DISTRICT.

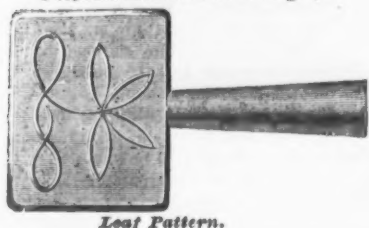
| Number of Furnaces. | DATE. | Number of Heats. | Charge. | | Produce. | | Yield. | Coals used. | Coals used per ton of Iron made. |
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| | | | Pig and Plate. | Scrap. | Puddled Iron. | Scrap. | | | |
| | | | T. | Cwt. | T. | Cwt. | T. | Cwt. | T. |
| Week ending July 4. | | | | | | | | | |
| 52 | 7 shifts..... | 37 | 22 | 4 | 13 | 20 | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| 53 | 10 shifts..... | 63 | 37 | 16 | 110 | 137 | 17 | 3 | 1 |
| Week ending July 11. | | | | | | | | | |
| 52 | 5 shifts..... | 21 | 12 | 12 | 9 | 11 | 2 | 6 | 1 |
| 53 | 5 shifts..... | 24 | 14 | 8 | 12 | 15 | 6 | 8 | 1 |
| Week ending July 18. | | | | | | | | | |
| 52 | 7 shifts..... | 32 | 19 | 4 | 9 | 17 | 2 | 1 | 15 |
| 53 | 7 shifts..... | 32 | 19 | 4 | 12 | 17 | 11 | 3 | 15 |
| Week ending July 25. | | | | | | | | | |
| 52 | 5 shifts..... | 30 | 17 | 10 | 14 | 25 | 18 | 2 | 15 |
| 53 | 8 shifts..... | 49 | 29 | 8 | 16 | 22 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| Week ending August 1. | | | | | | | | | |
| 52 | 8 shifts..... | 38 | 22 | 16 | 114 | 20 | 14 | 2 | 15 |
| 53 | 8 shifts..... | 32 | 19 | 4 | 19 | 15 | 11 | 5 | 13 |
| Week ending August 8. | | | | | | | | | |
| 52 | 10 shifts..... | 56 | 33 | 12 | 112 | 30 | 10 | 3 | 1 |
| 53 | 10 shifts..... | 50 | 30 | 10 | 1 | 28 | 7 | 10 | 13 |
| Week ending August 15. | | | | | | | | | |
| 52 | 10 shifts..... | 49 | 29 | 8 | 2 | 27 | 9 | 1 | 15 |
| 53 | 8 shifts..... | 40 | 20 | 4 | 11 | 25 | 12 | 2 | 15 |
| Week ending August 22. | | | | | | | | | |
| 52 | 8 shifts..... | 35 | 21 | 10 | 19 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 53 | 8 shifts..... | 35 | 17 | 12 | 10 | 25 | 15 | 1 | 15 |

were invited to witness and examine the Danks' process, but although the newspapers have given a long account of this visit, we do not find any detailed account of the results obtained which is after all of the utmost importance to any one who is desirous of being satisfied as to which of the rival processes is the best. We last week gave a full account of the Baynton process, the diagrams and particulars of which were furnished us by the obliging secretary of the American Iron and Steel Association; but as there is no table of results appended, we trust the Baynton Furnace Company will favor us with a report of trials which have been made at any of the iron works in that country. During the week, Mr. Crampton has had an opportunity of explaining his process to the members of the Iron and Steel Institute, whose meeting has been held at Barrow-in-Furness; and in our report of the proceedings of that important gathering, will be found, in a condensed form, Mr. Crampton's paper, which was read on Thursday, and illustrated by large diagrams. His process is in operation at Woolwich, and, so far, appears to give satisfaction. Mr. Crampton is sanguine enough to say he will make plates and rails under a ton of coal for the finished material, and to make first rate steel from Middlebrough pigs for tools and rails. Here, again, a tooth-full of facts is worth a ton of assertions; and if Mr. Crampton will send us well-authenticated results, we will give them the benefit of our circulation. Another system, and the one we think that is to rival the lot, has been explained to us during the week by the inventor, M. Dormoy, whose system of puddling has been in use at the Tudhoe Iron Works, at Spennymoor, and also at the Earl of Dudley's Works, at Round Oak. With reference to the Dormoy process, Mr. Alfred Greener, of Dar-

Report of Inspections Made by the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company for July, 1874.—The number of inspection visits made during the month was 1587, and the number of boilers examined, 3189, of which 1294 received thorough internal and entire inspection. The hydraulic pressure was applied in 187 cases, which were mainly new boilers. The number of defects discovered by these examinations were 1856, of which 450 were regarded as dangerous. Among the defects, numbering large, were fractures, 133—69 being regarded as dangerous. This defect is usually found in connection with boilers which are poorly cared for. They are run at high pressure, cold water is used for feed, and the supply is not uniform. Where a feed water heater is not used, a simple and effective apparatus may be used, which was described in our last annual report. Blistered plates, 368—54 dangerous. This defect comes from want of homogeneity in the iron, which is a very difficult thing to detect in a new plate. There are, however, different ways of doing this. One is to divide the entire plate into squares or checkers by drawing chalk or crayon lines from side to side at right angles to each other. Then with a hammer tap lightly on each square, noting the difference in sound. If there is a clear, ringing sound the spot may be regarded as sound and homogeneous. If, however, there is a dull thud, it indicates that the sheet is laminated at that spot, and if put into use a blister may be expected at any time. Another method of detecting laminated sheets is to subject them to heat, when, if imperfect, blisters will appear. Great care should be used in this last method, or the sheets may be entirely ruined. Cases of deposit of sediment, 267—60 dangerous. Incrustation and scale, 337—36 dangerous. Pressure gauge out of order, 180—33 dangerous. These varied from —10 to +30. Boilers condemned as unsafe, 38. Some of these latter were repaired, and at a subsequent examination found to be safe to run.

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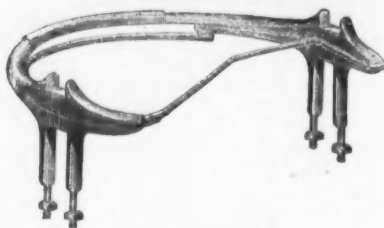
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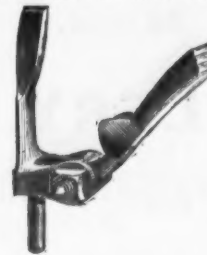


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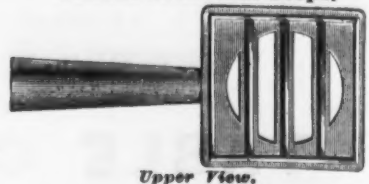
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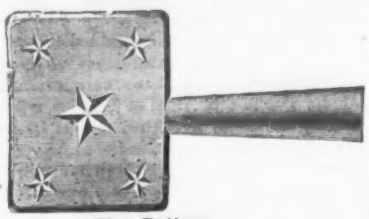
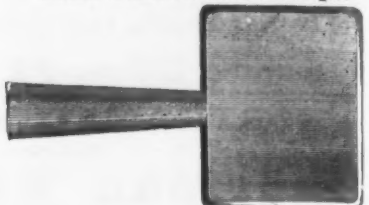


Upper View.



Lower View.

Solid Plain Pattern Steps.



Star Pattern.

Smith's Improved Philadelphia Pattern Slat Irons.



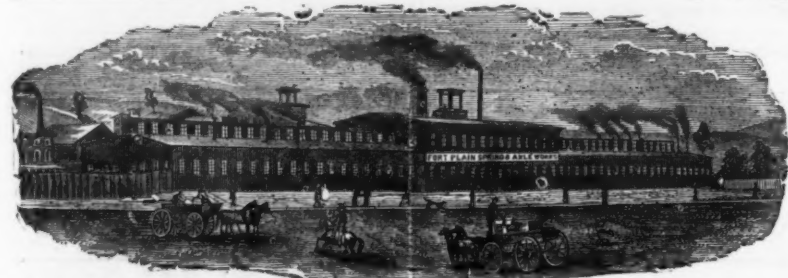
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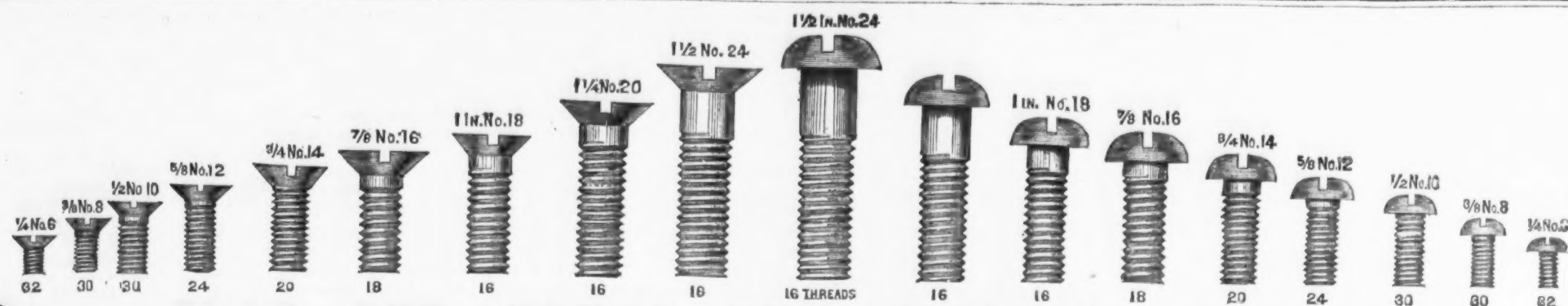
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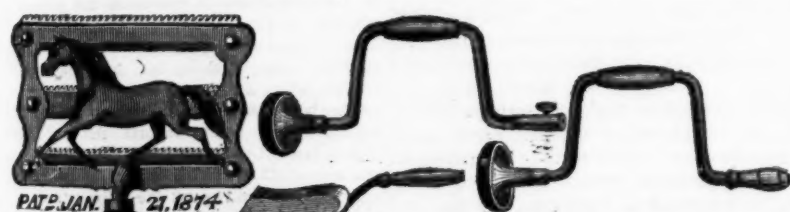
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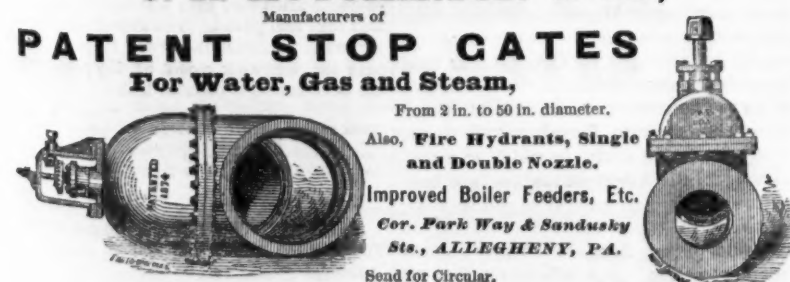
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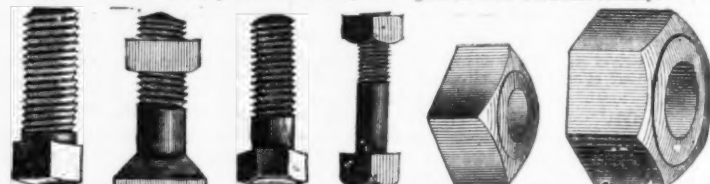
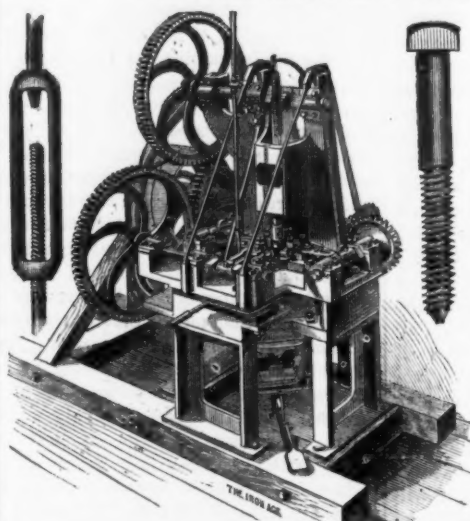
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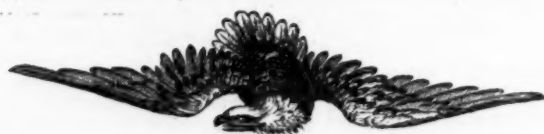
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Fire Risks in Chicago.

The refusal of companies representing fully nine-tenths of the capital invested in fire insurance, to write any more policies on Chicago risks, will probably have a good effect upon the local authorities, and do more to save the city from another devastating conflagration than any amount of good advice would have done. The demands of the underwriters were, in the light of past experience, entirely reasonable. They asked: 1. That the Fire Department be completely reorganized and stripped of political connections. 2. That the fire limits be extended to include the whole city, and no frame buildings be allowed to stand within them. 3. That the city have a force of sappers and miners. 4. That the water supply be at once increased. 5. That mansard roofs, except when made fire-proof, be prohibited. 6. That lumber yards be gradually removed to more remote localities. 7. That the city put floating engines on river and lake. These were nothing more than necessary

precautions against another sweeping conflagration. In refusing to comply with the conditions prescribed, the city authorities did wrong, and the withdrawal of the insurance companies from Chicago business is a merited rebuke. We have no doubt they will meet the demand of the insurance companies sooner or later, for public opinion will compel them to do so; but in the mean time their unwillingness to accept risks will compel the people to adopt precautions hitherto neglected. This they are doing already. Every large establishment is being supplied with fire apparatus, and employees are organized for fire service. When every house owner is responsible for the safety of his building and must bear the loss in case of its destruction by fire, such precautions will be adopted as will reduce the risk of conflagration 90 per cent.

We have no doubt a great many people in Chicago consider the fact that they are thus thrown upon their own resources a great misfortune. We think differently. We regard fire insurance as a system productive of vastly more evil than good. The great objection to be urged against it is that it effects an inequitable and unjust distribution of losses resulting from conflagration, by transferring the burden of such losses from the careless and improvident to those who by care, prudence and forethought protect their property from the risk of destruction by fire. Were all companies conducted with the judgment displayed in the management of some of the better class of these institutions, there would, certainly, be less reason for adverse criticism than now exists. But many companies, perhaps the majority, have been conducted upon a very loose system, which made it cheaper for a capitalist to insure an unsafe building against fire than to protect that building at his own expense, or build it fire-proof in the first instance. Fire-proof buildings are costly, and do not rent for enough more than buildings not fire-proof to pay interest on their greater cost, all other conditions being equal. To a capitalist about to build a warehouse or dwelling, the question of how he shall build presents itself much in this way: "If I build a fire-proof structure it will cost me so much; if I build without reference to fire-proof qualities it will cost me so much less. In either case I can get only about so much rent for it. Now, if I build cheaply, and without any regard to fire, I can cover the risk of loss by insurance, which will cost me so much per year, or less than the interest on the greater cost of a fire-proof building. It is, therefore, an economy for me to build my house without any regard to its ability to withstand fire, either outside or in." He will, therefore, build cheaply, neglecting all precautions against the danger of fire which he is not required by law to observe, and it is of houses thus built that our cities are largely composed. When finished, the builder may occupy it himself, or lease it to a tenant. In either case the occupant considers the case thus: "I have in this building furniture or merchandise worth so much. To protect this against fire is impossible, for the building is not fire-proof, and may take fire from any one of an hundred causes. I can partially protect my goods by providing the means of extinguishing a fire, should one break out, and by employing some one to watch the place by night, all of which would cost me so much. For less than this I can insure my goods, and can then afford to be indifferent whether they burn or not." As the result of this illogical reasoning whole blocks of warehouses, filled from cellar to roof with inflammable merchandise, are locked up night after night with no protection whatever, and no means of extinguishing a fire should one break out. Conflagrations originating under such conditions in the business portions of cities, are of frequent occurrence; sometimes, fortunately discovered in time to prevent serious losses, but often remaining undiscovered until the whole inside of the building bursts into flame, and all the efforts of the firemen must be directed to the saving of adjoining property. This carelessness is the very natural result of a system which offers to relieve the house owner or tenant from the consequence of his own negligence. Nor is the mischief thus done in any way atoned for by the payments made upon policies which become claims. Insurance creates nothing to replace that which fire destroys. Every house burned and every dollar's worth of merchandise destroyed, represents so much of the economized products of useful labor lost forever, and which can only be replaced by labor which might be better employed in adding to the wealth previously accumulated. On the other hand, were the owners of property compelled to assume all risks themselves, or were the conditions of insurance that all reasonable and necessary precautions be

observed that would diminish the risk of destruction or damage by fire, the amount of property thus destroyed or damaged would be very much less than it is now. We should soon learn by experience how to build so that the risk of conflagration should be reduced to a minimum, and the insurance companies would be the means of averting fires instead of, as now, inviting them by encouraging carelessness.

In assuming the position they have taken with regard to Chicago risks, the insurance companies have given the first indication of a desire to lessen the evils which have hitherto been regarded by thinking men as the necessary result of their usual method of conducting business. That it is within their power to reform the fire insurance system with great advantage to themselves and the community, has already been demonstrated by experience. The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company is engaged in the business of insuring the owners of boilers against damage to property resulting from boiler explosions. According to the classifications of the fire insurance companies, every risk which this company assumes may be considered extra hazardous, for the reason that the condition under which boilers explode are not yet fully known or understood. It is sometimes the case that the causes of such accidents cannot be discovered, and it is, therefore, impossible to provide against them. But the Hartford Company, while assuming all such risks, demands of the insured that no known and remediable causes of danger shall be permitted to exist. When an application is made for insurance, the boiler to be insured is carefully examined and tested. If old and rotten, or of defective construction, the risk is declined, leaving the owner to choose whether he will take the chances of explosion or get a new and safe boiler. If defective, but capable of being made sound and safe, such repairs as may be necessary are indicated, and when they are made according to direction the insurance is effected, on condition that such further repairs or improvements as may be ordered by the company's inspectors shall be made promptly and thoroughly. The results of this system are not merely that the company is able to meet all the claims upon it, but that it is able to reduce the danger of explosion to a minimum—its losses upon an immense business averaging only a very small percentage of the amount of risks carried. Thus the boiler owner is not only insured against dangers beyond his control, but he is enabled to guard against those resulting from preventable causes; and instead of merely getting indemnity for losses attendant upon the explosion of his boiler, he is able, in nearly every instance, to prevent explosions. From such a system only benefit can result, since the individual is permitted to shift the responsibility for the safety of his boiler upon the company only when he has done all he can to make it safe and strong, and observed every precaution necessary to insure its prudent and careful management. There is no reason why fire insurance companies should not adopt this system, requiring all persons seeking insurance upon real and personal property to adopt certain precautions necessary to its protection against fire. Were this done in every instance, much of the valuable property annually destroyed would be saved; but so long as the system extends its benefits to the careless and negligent, as well as to the prudent and careful, so long will more of evil than of good result from it.

The "City of Tokio" for Liverpool.

The City of Peking, the largest iron steamship ever built except the Great Eastern, is on the way to San Francisco via the Straits of Magellan. She drew 25 feet of water at Sandy Hook bar, and carried the largest amount of dead weight that ever left this port in a steamship. The vessel and cargo together weighed nine thousand tons. The beauty and comfort of her appointments were heartily acknowledged by all the distinguished guests who went on the excursion trial trips to Newport and Boston. About her speed there can be no question. Commander R. W. Meade, U. S. N., in a published card, said she made under steam alone, 18 knots in 1 hour 3½ minutes, and there is no record of any other ocean steamship having done so well. The superior quality of the iron of which she is constructed insures her the greatest possible strength, and she is expected to reach San Francisco in the perfect condition in which she left New York, within 50 days.

The City of Tokio, whose hull and engines were built from the same patterns, is in all respects a companion ship. She is just as strong, equally well furnished, and will prove quite as swift. Steam will be applied to her engines about next Saturday, and she will be ready for sea during October. The Alaska, the last wooden Pacific mail steamer, went to her destination via the Suez Canal. She is a side-wheeler, and the foreign connoisseurs criticized her as a splendid folly. There seems every reason why the City of Tokio should go to the Pacific by way of Suez, and none why she should not. She would in that instance not only redeem the American name for wisdom in steamship building, which the Alaska did much to condemn, but would carry our reputation higher than ever, and would undoubtedly command our recognition as the first steamship builders of the world. It would cost no more to send her to the Pacific via Suez than via Magellan, for she could easily secure a full cargo and passenger list for Liverpool, where the heaviest steamship owners of the world would have the opportunity of admiring her in contrast with their own best ships, and where she would be a popular nautical sensation. Were she to find any difficulty in obtaining in Liverpool a full cargo for Asia, she would certainly find none in Southampton, the home port of the great Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company. There seems to be as much profit in sending the "City of Tokio" to the "far East" by Suez as by Magellan, and there is certainly much more glory. This subject appears to be specially worthy of consideration by Mr. Rufus Hatch and Mr. John Roach, who respectively represent the American ocean carrying trade and iron steamship building.

"Compensating Heating."

The amount of ingenuity displayed in devising schemes to absorb some part of the enormous capital constantly seeking profitable investment in the London money market, shows that the traditional "Yankee" does not monopolize this peculiar talent. Among the many schemes now advertised in the English papers we find the following:

Cowan Compensating Heating, Limited.—Capital £20,000 in £5 shares. The price to be paid for the patents of the Dromore Patent Heating Company is £2000 in cash, and £3000 in shares. The prospectus states: "Mr. John Cowan's system of heating all kinds of buildings by hot water and a small lime-kiln has been proved to be most invaluable by all who have adopted it, and its advantages are as follows: 1. In most cases it saves the entire cost of fuel, and in many cases produces a profit. 2. It maintains the heat more steadily than any other system. 3. It requires no night attendance. 4. It produces no smoke or unpleasant smell."

We really do not see why a company which will own so valuable a patent as this need organize upon the limited liability basis. We do not know just how strong the prejudice of the typical Englishman is for an open fire of "sea coals," but in this country the "Compensating Heating Company" would have no difficulty in disposing of their apparatus at good prices. Those of us who have hitherto labored under the unpleasant necessity of laying in winter supplies of coal at prices ranging from \$7 to \$12 per ton, and whose annual consumption has made our fires cost us from \$100 to \$500, would be very glad to heat our dwellings and places of business with "hot water and a small lime kiln," especially as we should thus save the entire cost of fuel, and perhaps have a profit at the end of the year. Our stove manufacturers would then be compelled to sell us dividend paying ranges, furnaces bearing interest at 7 per cent. per annum, and coupon cook stoves, or they would be driven from the market. For our own part we do not know of a pleasanter way of making money in cold weather than keeping warm, and we should be very glad to make this light and agreeable occupation a collateral branch of our present business.

Either the Canadians are very short sighted people, or the clamor they are making against reciprocity with the United States is all for effect. At a meeting of the Montreal Board of Trade, a few days ago, a good many gentlemen who are either very much deceived or very anxious to deceive the people of this country, tried very hard to make it appear that if the proposed treaty were ratified we should get the oyster and they the shells. We are willing to credit them with honesty in their professions, but to do so it is necessary to assume that they are very stupid. Whatever they may think about it, reciprocity is nothing more nor less than a scheme, devised in the interest of the Dominion of Canada, to promote the manufacturing interests of that country at the expense of the United States. We should gain no material advantage from the abolition of the duties now imposed upon our manufactures sent into Canada, for the same advantage would be extended to England, our only formidable competitor in that market. With the same privilege extended to Canadian manufacturers, Canada would be the best place in the world in which to manufacture for the American market, and both native and foreign capital would seek investment in those industries which, on this side of the line, are most dependent upon protection. It is idle to say that we

should be benefited by reciprocity at the expense of Canada. Such is not the fact, whatever the opinion of Canadian manufacturers on the subject.

Charge of the Heavy Brigade.

Ironsides! to the feed!—*Cromwell.*
[Banquet to the Iron and Steel Institute at Barrow, 2d Sept., 1874—six hundred guests].

Strangers from far and wide,
Some o'er Atlantic's tide,
All down to Barrow
Came the Six Hundred.
"Dine!" was Sir James' cry,
Their not to reason why,
"Thanks" was their sole reply;
Down to the banquet
Sat the Six Hundred.

Tables to the right of them,
Tables to the left of them,
Tables in front of them,
Garnished and cumbered.
Ad lib. of food and wine,
Nothing to do but dine,
Into the meat and fish,
Laid upon plate and dish,
Went the Six Hundred.

Clink'd all their glasses there,
Clink'd as they met in air,
Feasting on dainty fare,
"Speeching" and "toasting" while
All the world wondered,
Plunged in the steam and smoke,
Gladly their fast they broke,
Keen was each appetite,
Till they were sated quite,
Then they rode back, and a
Proper Six Hundred.

Tables to the right of them,
Tables to the left of them,
Tables behind them,
Disordered and plundered.
Flattered by snob and swell,
They who had dined so well
Rode back by special train,
Back to their homes again—
Who would in Barrow dwell!
Not a man left of them—
Left of Six Hundred.

Honor the Iron Trade:
Oh! the good meal they made
On the provisions laid
For them at Barrow.
Long shall the tale be told,
Yea, when Sir James is old,
Of this manœuvre bold
For the Broad Arrow!

TENNENT & Co., Limited.
—*Utterston Mirror*—England.

The Coal Question.

The great coal question is certain to become again unpleasantly prominent before winter sets in, and therefore any information bearing on the world's supplies is to be welcomed. The chief fact standing out prominently, amid the tedious and constantly recurring squabbles between capital and labor in our English coal districts, is that the high price of fuel for the last three years has more and more thrown other nations on their own resources, and rendered them comparatively independent of our fields. India, for instance, is gradually raising enough coal from the Nerbudda and other regions to supply its railway companies and lines of steamers, a fact lately brought into prominence by a published abstract of the reports of the leading railways. In the Indian Ocean and China attempts are also made with some success to utilize the vast deposits existing there. Of Europe we need not speak, unless to point out that coal mines in operation are not now confined to France, Belgium and Germany; Russia, too, is developing them at a rate which promises soon to make her independent of English help. But America presents the most instructive example of all. A New York journal states that recent reports made to the United States Land Office give the estimated coal area at 513,000 square miles, of which exactly one-half are beyond the Mississippi. Of the latter little is worked, owing to the cost of developing the deposits, but as population increases and machinery comes into use, the beds will doubtless be opened out for local use. The bearing which such a fact has upon our economical arrangements is intimate. Thanks for the high prices current here for the last two years, we are fast losing America as a market for our iron, and the native manufacturers are cutting us out, not only in the States, but in Canada even. Now, what is essential to the prosperity of the American ironmasters is abundant fuel; give them that, and they can set English competition at defiance, unless our prices are very much lowered. We, however, have maintained high prices just long enough to give the requisite stimulus, and when we reduce them—of which there is yet little sign—it may be too late to recover the lost ground. The situation may be commended to the notice of the disputants in South Wales, Durham, Lanarkshire and elsewhere; if they lose much more time they will have made up their minds just when the opportunity is gone, and there is nothing left to fight about. Without foreign markets, Merthyr and Garscherie have scarcely any *raison d'être*.—*London Daily Telegraph*.

Large Yield of Pig Iron.—It would seem that there is hardly any limit to the improvement in the production of Isabella Furnace, No. 1. Our last report, for the four weeks ending August 8th, gave a total production of 2311 tons 3090 pounds, or an average of 578 tons per week. Against the above large yield, we have the following record of the product for the week ending September 10th:

| | Tons. | Pounds. |
|------------------------|-------|---------|
| Week ending August 29. | 699 | 1,730 |
| " " September 5. | 679 | 1,730 |
| " " September 12. | 622 | 1,560 |
| " " September 19. | 611 | 1,560 |
| Total. | 2,612 | 1,730 |

Average per week, 613 tons and 430 pounds. The furnace is 18 feet bosh and 75 feet high.—*Pittsburgh Commercial*.

Notes on a New Magnetic Iron Region on Lake Champlain.

The Lake Champlain mining district of New York State, has been the source of the supply of magnetic ores to most of the furnaces east of the Alleghany mountains, as well as of felling ores, almost exclusively, to the rolling mills of the Atlantic seaboard. The mines of the Port Henry Company, Cheever, and others of the older and better known magnetites of this region, have been frequently described.

Of later years extensive development has been made of the Crown Point ores, a magnetic iron ore largely mixed with quartz, but otherwise free from impurities, and making an iron claimed to be adapted to use in the Bessemer converter. These mines are situated some twelve miles back from the lake, with which they are connected by a railroad built by the company owning and working them. At Crown Point, on Lake Champlain, at the terminus of this railway, are built the furnaces of the Crown Point Iron Company, two new stacks of 66 feet in height and 18 feet diameter of boshes, with an average annual capacity of 30,000 tons, and using, of course, anthracite fuel. The plant here is of the best modern type of blast furnace construction, the buildings are of brick, and the entire appearance of the first class, presenting an imposing appearance from the lake.

In view of the future demands of the industry and the interest which attaches to every source of ore supply, the enormous deposits of magnetic ores on the shores of Lake Champlain, further to the north, invite the close attention of both mineralogists, and capitalists, while offering instruction to both. The ores referred to are found in a mountain, of which indeed they compose apparently the integral mass, on the western shore of Lake Champlain, in the town of Westport, Essex county; the mountain range occupying almost the entire distance from the northern end of Westport harbor, a deep bay, to Split Rock Light House, just below the village of Essex. The height of this range, or mountain, from the lake is some 950 feet; in many places almost precipitous, in others sloping gradually, and cut by ravines and gulches affording opportunities for roadways to the lake. Fronting this tract throughout its whole length is sufficient depth of water for any vessel navigating the lake, and offering unlimited facilities for the shipment of ore. The face of the mountain is here divided into ledges of from 150 to 200 feet in height, rising one above the other, and sealed with veins of black magnetic iron ore, varying from 10 to 50 feet in width, and in one case presenting an outcrop of 120 feet in width. From the rugged and precipitous appearance of the mountain side one would suppose the original operators here must have been bold men; but enterprise and patient labor have to some extent opened the veins, and constructed at the lake side a large dock for ore shipment, itself entirely of solid ore, and requiring, by reason of the depth of water, thousands of tons of iron ore in its completion.

The district lying between Crown Point and Plattsburgh, on the western shore of Lake Champlain, and running westward into the Adirondack Mountains, consists of that series of rocks which are known as belonging to the Laurentian, and are of corresponding character with a similar belt extending through Canada, and appearing, largely developed, on the coast of Labrador, with the iron mountain of Missouri, with the Northwestern coast of Scotland, and forming a large portion of Norway. In most of these districts these rocks are rich in the oxides of iron, which is more particularly the case in Norway, Missouri and in Lake Champlain. One reason of the especial economical value of these rocks consists in their belonging to a period prior, so far as all evidences exist, to animal or vegetable life, and hence their practical freedom from phosphorus. The largest development of these ores on the shores of Lake Champlain, and those most attractive to the iron manufacturer by reason of their accessibility, are on that part of Lake Champlain lying between the villages of Westport and Essex, and herein referred to, where immense bluffs, cropping out on the shore of the lake, rise to a maximum height of 1000 feet, and are of a thickness which has not yet been fully ascertained. Like all the rocks of this period they exist in a regular stratified formation, which has been disturbed and occasionally broken into nearly parallel ridges by igneous action, intruded masses of granite and porphyry appearing throughout the district. The tract containing these deposits, and which was the subject of examination for these notes, consists of some 2700 acres, five miles north of Westport village, and extending on the lake four miles, with a width of a mile and a quarter on an average, and varying in altitude above Lake Champlain from 150 to 1000 feet. At and above the ore dock, at which passengers from Westport are landed by the tug Curlew, plying from Port Henry to Vergennes, Vermont, on Otter River or Creek emptying on the east shore of the lake, are the principal workings as yet made on this immense amount of ore. Here the mountain range is divided by a large ravine, one side of which is almost a precipice, and has been locally named North and South Mountain. At this point, being about the center of the lake front, is a tract of two hundred acres, now mined by parties from New York, connected with one of the leading iron companies of the Lehigh Valley, although the property is not owned or worked by the corporation referred to. Climbing the mountain by a series of steps cut in the rock and earth, alongside of an ore chute, the principal opening of the working is reached. Here, at a height of 150 feet above the level of the lake, are three prominent veins, cropping at the lake, and increasing in width higher up, traceable directly to the summit of the mountain, 950 feet above, and again showing similar

outcrops and the same or greater relative width on the other side of the range, a distance of a mile and a half. From this statement some idea may be formed of the immense amount of iron ore contained in this deposit. To decide on the width or thickness of these veins is difficult, owing to the disturbance of the formation, which is peculiar and unusual, and in the view of several of the most eminent mining engineers of the country present at the time these notes were taken, it is probable that the three veins will, on reaching a reasonable depth in the working, be found to be one immense vein or deposit of magnetic ore, which has been twisted and upheaved in the formation. The widths, however, as stated by surveys made by two engineers of the State Canal Department, are as follows:

No. 1, 7 feet wide at lake, 30 feet in center of hill front and 50 feet at the other outcrop.

No. 2, 40 feet at lake, 62 feet in center and 56 at extremity.

No. 3, 121 feet wide at lake, 50 feet in center and 75 feet at the extremity.

These measurements, it is to be stated, were from outcrops before any considerable developments had been made. On vein No. 2 are the principal workings. Here a drift has been run in some 100 feet, from which a slope had been sunk on the vein about 25 to 30 feet, giving a vein working some 30 feet wide, with, as yet, no evidence of reaching the other side. During the sinking of this slope the character of the ore has materially improved, changing from a hard, dense ore to a much softer granular mass, and resembling some of the best ores of the Port Henry company. This slope is now being worked with three shifts, and, if prosecuted, will very shortly determine, in all probability, the existence of a very extensive deposit of superior ore for Bessemer pig.

The other two veins have only been partially opened, the exploration having been confined to blasting off the face of the mountain and opening some trivial workings, sufficient, however, to demonstrate the great size of the veins and to furnish trial cargoes of the ore. On the South Mountain, or the far side of the dividing ravine, are four more distinct veins, averaging by the same measurements fifteen feet in width, and of the same general character of ore, with similar terminal outcrops on both sides of the range. Following to the north, and beyond the three veins first named and worked, are three more, traceable by outcrop, as in the previous cases, from the top of the mountain to the lake, and known as the Derby lot. Beyond this, still north, are four more veins of generally softer ore, and one small but apparently very rich and pure vein cropping, only some two feet in width, but increasing rapidly on working. Adjoining this tract, on the north and east, is the point of the mountain, at the foot of which is located the Split Rock Light House, a small tract having been purchased by the general government for the purpose. On this location is a very curious deposit of decomposed ore, considerably micaceous, and losing in washing but one ounce to the pound; the residue being a fine black magnetic powder, very rich in iron, and said to be, as it probably is, highly adapted for steel melting and for felling, as either "cold fix" or mixed with clay for the ordinary method of felling in vogue east of the mountains. The deposit of this curious ore is of immense size, and easily deliverable at the lake front by a tramway or chute, as, indeed, all the ore of the region is. On the same lot is a very large vein of hard ore, at least 30 feet wide at opening, with a four foot vein within a short distance. Yet further to the north and west, at an elevation of 600 feet above the lake, and distant from it about one mile by an easy descent through a cultivated country, the point of the mountain having been now turned, is probably the most valuable ore of the region, both in quality and quantity. Here is an outcrop fully 200 feet wide, the whole of the country rock being strongly marked with ore indications, the cap or overlying rock varying from two to three inches in thickness, and the ore massed beneath in a glittering crystalline conglomerate. The general appearance of this ore is highly similar to that of the celebrated Cheever ore; the character of the gangue rock is precisely the same, and the ore has been pronounced by both experts and miners practically the same deposit, as it is also geographically located on a line of continuation north from that celebrated vein. Should these opinions be borne out by exploitation, the importance of this deposit to the iron industry can be easily imagined, few ores of the country having rivalled Cheever in desirability or good working qualities. Here a shaft some 20 feet deep has been sunk, and from it some 200 tons of very fine ore taken, the quality improving very rapidly on getting down in the vein, while as yet no limit to its size has, of course, been reached. On the lake shore, below this deposit, is a natural site for furnaces, with unlimited dumping ground for slag offered by the lake, with excellent roofing slate at hand, with limestone in easy distance, and with a natural highway in front for communication with market and for the transportation of fuel, the only adjunct for iron making not here provided by nature. Here, at some no very great distance, will be established great iron and steel works, utilizing the ore deposits of the mountain range, and supplying the cities and villages south and west with raw material for consumption in the great iron industries.

Of the general character of the ores of this locality, it may be safely said that they promise all the elements necessary for the production of a Bessemer pig metal, as also for that of the strongest and toughest iron, and in admixture have already produced very superior irons and steels. Sulphur and phosphorus are practically absent, while the record of furnace workings of the outcrop, and naturally leaner ores, has been between 50 and 60 per cent., as stated by experts who conducted these workings. An analysis of an aggregated sample from 15 pieces of the hard ores from the veins first noted herein, gave as follows:

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| Magnetic oxide of iron | 71.89 |
| Silica | .76 |
| Alumina | 9.44 |
| Sulphur | .43 |
| Phosphorus | .04 |
| Lime | .72 |
| Magnesia | 1.96 |
| Protoxide of Manganese | .15 |
| Alumina | 8.60 |
| Titanic Acid | 7.28 |
| | 100.00 |

This was from outcrops entirely, or practically so.

Of the working of these ores in the blast furnace, and also of the treatment of the resulting pig in rolling mills, some satisfactory tests were made some years since, the property not having been developed until the last year to any extent. In 1863 a trial lot of some 100 tons of this ore was worked in the blast furnace of the Rochester Iron Manufacturing Company, at Charlotte, N. Y., the ore being mixed with Lake Superior, Keene and Ontario ores, in proportion of 25 per cent. each. This working produced a first-class No. 1 pig iron of extraordinary strength, as testified to by the expert, giving a yield of 50 to 60 per cent. of iron. The manager of this furnace, Mr. John Horton, states of this working that the iron made by using this ore was "improved in every particular—in strength to a remarkable degree." The resulting pig from this working was puddled at the Cohoes Rolling Mill, N. Y., in February, 1870, and Mr. Page, of the firm of Morrison, Colwell & Page, proprietors of the above works, and an iron master well known to the trade, stated that "the pig was of good grain, uniform and strong. In the puddling furnace it works admirably well, will stand a very high heat, and for puddling purposes I pronounce it equal to any iron in the market." Working it from the puddled bar in the mill, it carries with it the same beautiful, soft and strong nature, and when finished into bars, bands or otherwise, is very strong, with a fine finish and free from red shortness. This would appear to be conclusive testimony as to the quality of the iron, and is certainly of weight from the source it came. But these ores were further tested in Pittsburgh. There, at the Superior Iron Company's Furnace, in April, 1870, Mr. B. Crowther, the superintendent then, stated, after using 100 tons of this ore, that it improved the iron, making a very strong metal, and that it would enable the use of more "mill cinder." At this test the charge was said to have been one-third each of Jackson, Lake Superior ore, Split Rock Champlain ore, and mill cinder. The resulting pig was stated by the proprietors of the Fort Pitt Iron Works, and of the Union Iron Mills, as making a strong "neutral" iron, working well under the hammer, and showing a clear fracture in breaking, with a regular fibre. From these statements it would appear that these ores possess the qualities most desired both by furnaces and mill men, while the possibility of using additional quantities of mill cinder is of great advantage, the product still being an iron of superior strength.

The commercial advantages of this deposit over most other mines of the region are clearly apparent. The older and most worked mines of this locality are not only of considerable depth, varying from one to six hundred feet, but in many cases have to raise an equal quantity of rock with the ore, which, when won, is still from six to thirteen miles from navigation, to be transported by rail or team.

The ore here being deliverable directly into boats by gravity, gives an economy in delivery alone equal to some two dollars per ton, while the quantity capable of being mined daily is only limited by the strength of the force employed. The high prices prevalent for ores of this region cannot be expected to continue when these deposits are fairly opened; while, judging from the history of the ores further south, the richness of these ores will increase similarly in working. From such deposits as this it is that the trade in the future is to look for its supplies of cheap and strong pig metal.

The locality possesses the further commercial advantage of water transportation, either to the works of New York, New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania, or to Montreal, Buffalo, Erie, Cleveland, Pittsburgh (part rail), and thence to Western Pennsylvania and Ohio. Particularly suited for admixture with native ores, these magnetites offer advantages to the furnaces of the Shenango and Mahoning Valleys. Beside the lake transportation, the railroad from Whitehall to Plattsburgh is now in course of construction, and will run within a mile of these ores, on the west slope of the mountain range; supplying winter transportation at low rates, the policy of the company being to carry ores at a rate of one cent per ton per mile. Comparing the cost of these ores with those of other magnetites, the following may be considered a fair statement. Ore can undoubtedly be put on board boats at these mines at \$2 per ton, paying the owners a fair profit, and even a handsome profit, considering the abundance *in situ*. Water freights to Albany are not to exceed \$2 per ton; to Philadelphia, \$3.50 to \$4, while with the improved lockage and the use of steam canal boats, these rates must be lowered materially. Given rates given, however, and we have a 55 to 60 per cent. magnetic ore, free from sulphur and phosphorus, deliverable to the furnaces of the Hudson or of the Schuylkill and Lehigh Valleys, at from \$4 to \$6 per ton. This is too well known to be the desideratum of the trade to need comment. As to iron making on the spot, basing the price of coal at \$6.51 per ton, delivered at furnaces, the present rate of contract price by the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, the cost of the product cannot exceed \$18 to \$20 per ton, being made at near or slightly below these figures, as can be clearly demonstrated. Since visiting this region, the writer has been struck with the

singular unanimity of the opinions expressed by the geologists and metallurgists who have previously examined the locality. Prof. James Hall, State geologist, of New York, in 1863, regarded it as "practically inexhaustible." Col. Hogan, engineer of the State Canal Department, after having personally measured the different veins on the surface, "does not hesitate to say it is the most extensive ore deposit he has ever examined." Prof. Herring, of Fort Edward, N. Y., chemist and mineralogist, calls it the largest deposit of magnetic ore in the State of New York, and that he had seen none equal to it in the United States. Further, he believes the ores "to be as good for the manufacture of Bessemer steel as any that can be found in the world." Such unanimity of opinion can only be the result of strong and truthful impressions. For Western deliveries these ores will compete favorably with the Lake Superior ores, freights via Montreal to Cleveland being but \$3.60, and at the price given for ore, placing it in Cleveland for \$5.60 per ton with \$2 less freight than Lake Superior ores, and little over the price of these at the shipping point. For felling purposes and use in admixture with mill cinder these ores directly compete with the iron mountain ores of Missouri in price, as well as in freedom from sulphur. Naturally such advantages suggest the existence of some hidden obstacle to the use of these deposits. These obstacles, if any there be, are to be found in three directions. The first has been the proximity of large, well developed and rich ores of high reputation, and producing a powerful business competition with heavy capitalists. The second is the absence of systematized and intelligently conducted development on the part of the owners of the property; and the third has been, but—grace to the slow progress of practical metallurgy—no longer is, the presence of titanic acid in the ores. Titanium has prevented the iron masters of the United States from earning much profit, and from using many good ores; fortunately this bugbear of an obsolete regime in furnace practice is dying out, and we now know that titanic acid present in an ore is proof positive of the absence of both sulphur and phosphorus to any injurious extent, and that the iron smelted from such ores is invariably of superior strength, while of the best quality for conversion into steel. At this writing ores containing 27 per cent. of titanic acid are being smelted by the Bay St. Paul Iron Company, of the Province of Quebec, Canada, and their product, a No. 1 Bessemer pig, is shipped to England. At the Norton Iron Works, England, the titaniferous ores of Norway, bearing 40 per cent. titanium, and classified as "limonites," produced, by intelligent working, a Bessemer pig much sought for at double the market price for Cumberland pig. The iron from these ores commanded threefold the price of ordinary pig, and was used by the admiralty for armor plates and purposes requiring great tensile strength, bar sections of this iron having been tested over 100,000 lbs. to the square inch. Some of these ores are rich in titanic acid, while others contain barely a trace. Probably a large part will be found to contain from 7 to 10 per cent. of this element. It is, however, a well demonstrated fact that these titaniferous ores are not chemically but mechanically united, and it is not improbable that an economical mechanical mode of separation may yet be devised. Failing such mechanical method, however, intelligent metallurgy will reduce these ores with the same advantages accruing in the cases above mentioned elsewhere. As is well known, Mushet is making superior steel strictly from titaniferous ores, while those ironmasters who have puddled in a felling of titanic ore are well aware of the lasting qualities of such a lining, as well as of the improved quality of the resulting puddled bar. As all the irons smelted from the ores named on Lake Champlain bear the character of unusual strength and toughness, bending flat when cold without crack or seam, the results will, doubtless, be the same here. The percentage of titanic acid in these ores, even if considered objectionable, is not sufficient to militate with the successful working of the stock. In calling attention to these ores we simply indicate to the trade a new source of supply for iron making. Of the designs of the owners of the property we are not informed, save that they propose to proceed to the development of the mines on a large scale, when trade shall justify it. That foreign capital, always wide awake to the good things of our country, should seek these ores is natural, since at present prices of freights pig iron could be made here and shipped to England to-day at a profit. Hence the offer of English iron makers during the present summer, after an examination was made by their engineer, of \$150,000 sterling, or \$750,000 for a portio of the property, is not surprising. Fortunately for the interests of the home trade this offer was refused. As one of the many extensive sources of supply of ores in various regions of the United States, from time to time described in *The Iron Age*, this deposit on Lake Champlain, as yet scarcely developed, offers the richest promise for the future, and in connection with others, heretofore named, encourages the hope of abundant and cheap ores which may give a cheap pig iron at a fair profit to both ore and furnace owner—the want of the age.

Trade Marks in France.

The subject of trade marks and their registration, legalization, or security in form, is highly important to the manufacturer, the merchant and the consumer, and every step taken by our own or other governments is of interest.

In November last a law was passed in the French National Assembly for the establishment of special stamps, punches, &c., giving the guarantee of the government to trade marks.

The stamp of the government was to bear a tax in proportion to the value of the objects guaranteed, and this duty and all the conditions of the law were left to be settled by an administrative act. The regulations have now been officially published, and are as follows:

The commercial territory of France is divided into ten circumscriptions, the centers of which are Lille, Rouen, Paris, Châlons-sur-Marne, Nantes, Tours, Lyons, Bordeaux, Toulouse and Marseilles. The trade marks can only be stamped at these chief towns, where they are registered under the law of 1857. The charge for stamping an object of the value of not more than five francs is fixed at five centimes, or one half-penny, and for stamping tickets, &c., six centimes each, the charge rising gradually from one penny on articles of the value of ten francs to five francs on the value of £14 and above that sum.

All marks, whether of manufacturers or merchants, presented for the government guarantee must have been previously registered according to the law of 1857, above quoted, either in one of the towns named above or in one of the sixteen towns where gold and silver articles are hall marked. The application of the public guarantee by means of the punch is confined to these sixteen places.

The formalities are as follows: At the time of declaration, an example of the trade mark, certified by an officer of the registrar as in conformity with that registered and signed by the proprietors of the mark, and by all their partners or associates, who have the right to ask for the government guarantee. The size of tickets, that is to say of trade marks, in the form of adhesive stamps is limited to 35 millimetres (say 1 2-5 of an inch) in any direction, and dark colored papers are to be avoided, as not taking a stamp well. The marking by means of the punch will only be applied to tickets, and to objects formed of metal, and presenting sufficient resistance.

It will be seen that the guarantee of the government thus assures the public that the trade marks in circulation are the registered property of those who use them.

"Direct Processes."

To the Editor of *The Iron Age*: My attention has recently been called to the following remarks of your Philadelphia correspondent of August 17th, instant:

"Dupuy says no direct process for sponge will succeed in a column of ore high or low."

This is not exactly my phraseology, but I accept it. Chenot made sponge twenty years ago, highly endorsed by good authorities for its purity, but it never sustained itself in practical use. Nor has sponge made since then by any process been disinterestedly accepted and continuously practiced as a successful manufacture.

I assert again that the production of "sponge," as a distinct manufacture, is not needed. The cells or pores, or whatever else they may be called, made by the exit of oxygen from the ore, leaves the delicate particles of iron separated, or in a honeycomb condition. By a continuous increasing heat the new made metal then becomes softened. In that condition the particles settle, and paste themselves together into an almost compact mass, and may be withdrawn and forged. If made from reasonably pure ores the waste will be surprisingly small.

Ore and carbon placed in thin sheet iron cases of a convenient size to handle allows a quick penetration of heat on all sides, and when the contents is solidified to metal, the whole is conveniently forged and rolled, making a very superior and very cheap wrought iron.

Your correspondent further classes the process of Eldridge, Wheeler and my own to be one and the same thing. In reply to this I will only say I patented the working of ores to metal in covered or uncovered iron cases several years before the issue of Wheeler's patent. He, I understand, claims to work scrap iron or steel in covered cases, and not ores. The processes are, therefore, distinct.

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The Iron Industries in Africa.—All accounts from Algeria concur in representing the development of the iron mines of this colony as becoming every day of more importance. The iron mine Ain-Mokhra, or Mokta-el-Hadid, as it is more commonly called, is being worked most successfully, and has exceeded in its production the most sanguine hopes of its owners. Before the Franco-German war the output of iron ore from this mine had reached some 20,000 tons per month and, although during the war it declined greatly, it has now reached more than 30,000 tons per month, and at this moment some eight trains, each of 200 tons, or 1600 tons in all, are sent per day down to the port of Bona. Although the French companies, which contracted for the ore in advance, only paid 9½ francs per ton, the last sales of the ore have been effected at 27 francs per ton. This mine, in 1872, exported 396,614 tons, and during the first six months of 1873 some 320,000 tons, giving employment to a total number of 1543 hands, which is 378 more than during the previous year. About twenty-eight miles from Setif, along the ancient road to Bougie, is the important Djebel iron mine, and near Aïen-Rouah, the concessions applied for by the Nevus Nicolas and Cie., considerable deposits of exceptionally rich iron ore have been opened upon by levels and shafts. This company propose making a railway from the mine to the port of Bougie, and employing a large number of men in its development.—*The "Journal" of the Iron and Steel Institute.*

Setting Bessemer Converter Bottoms.*

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The endurance of Bessemer converter tuyeres, and of the refractory bottom in which they are imbedded, although very various under different conditions of material and treatment, may be set down as not exceeding ten heats, in England and America. It frequently falls below five heats. In order, then, to make 30 heats per 24 hours, out of one pair of converters, which is the standard practice in American works, it is necessary to put in and dry three and frequently four sets of tuyeres during the day. Although one set may last six or eight hours, yet in order to give time for occasional extra repairs of the lining, and to make sure of having one vessel always ready, it is found, practically, in America, that when a plant is to be driven up to a large and consequently paying production, a new set of tuyeres must be made ready for use in two or at most three hours after the last heat on the old bottom. And it is furthermore found—and this is of equal importance—that the new bottom must be thoroughly dry and sound, so as to wear evenly, and to prevent the metal from breaking through.

The old method of replacing vessel bottoms was knocking out the stumps of the worn tuy-

The advantages of this system are obviously as follows:

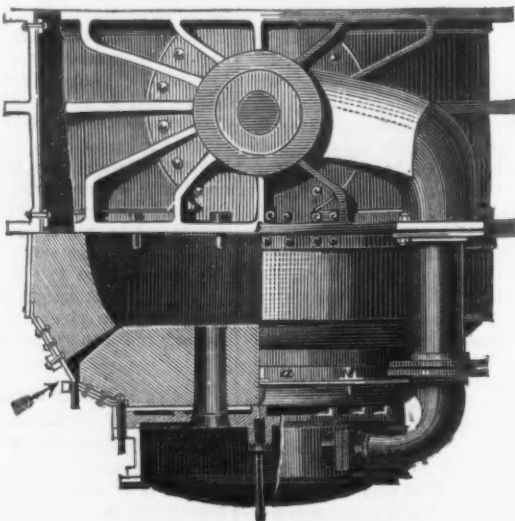
1. The new bottom is immediately set, without waiting for the vessel to cool. The entire operation has often been performed in less than an hour. When one vessel is being lined and the other is running alone, 24 heats per day are often made on three bottoms in the one vessel. The Troy Works made 2898 tons of ingots in March, 1874, working 16 days with two 5-ton vessels and 10 days with but one.
2. The new bottom, having been previously baked, and not being saturated with water when it is inserted, is as sound and uniform as the materials used can make it. It therefore wears evenly and never blows up from the formation of steam.
3. The material of the joint, being driven into all the interstices, and being comparatively dry, soon becomes as solid as any part of the wall. A joint rammed in this way has never been known to fall, as far as the author is aware; and the bursting through of the metal, so frequent in the early practice, now never occurs for periods of many months, except from the occasional failure of a tuyere, and a tuyere may be easily and soundly replaced by a dummy, in these hard dry bottoms.

The cost of this form of converter bottom is no greater than that of ordinary forms, and it may be readily applied to converters in use.

PHILADELPHIA CORRESPONDENCE.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 28, 1874.

The principal hopes of a revival of business, now that any active fall trade is not to be hoped



SECTION OF AMERICAN CONVERTER BOTTOM.

eres, inserting new tuyeres, and making the bottom good around them in one of two ways.

1. Pouring in semi-fluid ganister and water, and leaving it to set as best it might. This mud bottom was soft and porous, and unless fired for five or six hours, was very wet. It was therefore liable to rapid and irregular denudation, and to flaking off by the formation of steam.

2. The other method of making the bottom good around the tuyeres, still practiced in many European works, is waiting till the vessel is so cool that a workman can enter it, and then ramming plastic ganister around the tuyeres, from within, and firing the vessel until the whole mass is set. Unless the vessel is cooled by water (which injures the lining) some hours must elapse before it can be entered, and the bottom cannot be thoroughly dried in half a day.

The American works began with a much better system, viz., Mr. Bessemer's duplicate bottoms. The tuyeres, and the whole mass of ganister around them, were removed, and a new bottom, previously rammed and dried, was inserted. But still the difficulty remained of closing the annular space between the new bottom and the walls of the vessel. Pouring in semi-fluid ganister moistened and softened the bottom; waiting for the vessel to cool, so as to ram the annular space from within, consumed still more time.

Another of Mr. Bessemer's devices was then resorted to. The face of the new bottom, where it came next the walls of the vessel, was heavily luted with a paste of clay and ganister; the bottom was then pressed hard into place, so that this paste would be forced into all the interstices and so seal the joint.

After the most careful experimenting for several years, with flat joints and conical joints of every degree of taper, this method was abandoned in all the leading American works as uncertain and unsafe. Generally, the luting would perfectly stop the opening between the bottom and the wall of the vessel, but sometimes an unsound place would be left, and the metal would break through it. The cost of a few disasters of this kind was enough to pay for reconstruction on a safe system.

The plan finally adopted and now used almost without exception in America, and to some extent elsewhere, is shown in the engraving above. The duplicate bottom is so constructed as to leave the annular space between it and the wall of the vessel open to the exterior of the vessel, so that a workman standing outside can ram the annular space, and thus make a sound joint without saturating it with water, and while the interior of the vessel is still red hot.

The worn bottom being removed by a hydraulic lift or by any convenient means, the new one is inserted at once, and the annular space (a) is quickly rammed with plastic cakes of ganister, thus making the lining continuous and solid. Sometimes a part of the wall of the vessel comes away with the bottom, and sometimes part of the bottom sticks to the wall of the vessel. The annular space is thus left so irregular that merely luting the new bottom and pressing it up could not make a good joint; but when all these irregular cavities are so filled from the outside, the joint is always sound.

The earlier joints of this kind were made more nearly cylindrical. The angle shown—about 45 degs.—has been adopted, first, to prevent pulling away the wall of the vessel; the comparatively flat joint will obviously part more easily, leaving a cleaner fracture. Second, the flat joint is employed in order to save time by a partial application of the luting system just described. The face of the new bottom is smeared with plastic ganister and pressed into place; then the joint is rammed from without, and more ganister is inserted where it is needed.

* Paper read before the Iron and Steel Institute at Barrow.

the railroads entering the city has for some time been discussed and is approaching definite shape. Independent of the necessity of this movement for convenience, it is made necessary by the absolute demand for the removal of railway tracks from the park. The park commission, the railroad companies and city councils have conferred on the subject, and the probability now is that a new union depot will be built very shortly at some point in West Philadelphia, near the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, and that new routes and bridges will be constructed so as to bring all the roads in on one track outside the park limits.

Notwithstanding the fact that railroad shareholders generally believe that they can do their own business best, and that one of the numerous private freight companies, the "Empire Industrial Line," has been ordered to be withdrawn, we find a new corporation for kindred purposes just established. This is the "Railway Equipment Trust, of Pennsylvania," and has for its object the construction of cars, to be leased to railway companies, which, says the account, very naively, after paying an interest of eight per cent. upon the cost of the cars, will leave a surplus applicable to the payment of such cost, by which process the lessees gradually become the owners of the cars. The ordinary intellect fails to discover the profit to the railway shareholder of thus buying cars on the cheap, and then selling them at a profit. The advanced cost and high rates of interest. At all events 1000 cars to cost \$600 each have been contracted for to be probably leased by the Pennsylvania Railroad, and some rolling mill will get a good order for the iron.

The furnace owners of the United States cannot fail to notice with pleasure your statement of the arrival of Isaac Lowthian Bell, Esq., president of the British Iron and Steel Institute, in this country. That he will be extended every courtesy and opportunity for examination is foreboded in the announcement of his unofficial visit. Mr. Bell has contributed largely to the progress of the iron industry of the world, both by his able treatise on the Chemical Phenomena of Iron Smelting and his conduct of various extensive works. Always recognizing the advancement of the iron trade in this country, he has, in his official capacity, given courteous greetings to Americans abroad, and deserves every attention that can be shown. Another prominent English visitor in the same trade is also among us, of whom I have seen no note in your columns. I refer to Mr. Thomas Whitwell, of Stockton-on-Tees, the inventor of the Whitwell fire clay stove for hot blast. Mr. Whitwell proposes visiting all the blast furnaces of the country, which his time will permit, and can give very valuable information on this subject to furnace owners. The results of the introduction of this form of hot blast, both in England and on the Continent, have been so satisfactory that they will lead undoubtedly to its general use. These advantages result in a direct economy of \$5 per ton in cost of production, and a greatly increased yield. One furnace at Esch, in Prussia, fitted with these stoves, is now regularly producing 770 tons of iron weekly, on a consumption of less than 21 cwt. of coke to the ton. These results are not to be overlooked, and already these stoves are fitting for some seven or more stacks in the United States.

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Commercial Editor "El Cronista,"

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Trade Report.

Office of THE IRON AGE,
WEDNESDAY EVENING, Sept. 30, 1874.

Since our last report a very considerable activity has developed in Wall street, which was especially noticeable to-day. In the money market call loans are still obtainable at 2 @ 3 per cent., and prime mercantile paper is fairly quotable at 5 1/2 @ 7 1/2 per cent. The feeling in the general markets is very good, and in most branches of business the aggregate of the fall trade will compare favorably with the average of previous seasons. There is always a great deal of complaint, and probably more this year than usual, owing to the distrust still prevalent; the small business of the past two seasons and the fact that large profits are not likely to be realized for some time to come upon limited transactions. Buyers now in the market want, as the rule, only the best goods at these prices, and those who sell for small profits are getting their trade. There is, on the other hand, a closer scrutiny of credits, and less disposition to accept doubtful paper rather than lose trade; and good buyers are not disposed to buy anything they cannot pay for when they agree to. These facts show a general disposition to do business on a safer basis than hitherto, which cannot fail to bring about good results. The panic has taught business men many useful lessons which they are not likely to forget very soon.

The gold market continues firm. Cash gold commands 1 1/2 and 2 per cent. per annum for use. The following shows the daily range of premium:

| | Highest. | Lowest. |
|-----------------|----------|---------|
| Thursday | 109 1/2 | 109 1/2 |
| Friday | 109 1/2 | 109 1/2 |
| Saturday | 109 1/2 | 109 1/2 |
| Monday | 110 | 109 1/2 |
| Tuesday | 110 1/2 | 109 1/2 |
| Wednesday | 110 1/2 | 110 |

The stock market has fluctuated somewhat, but has steadily developed a tendency to greater strength. The principal dealings are in Northern, Lake Shore, Pacific Mail, St. Paul, Western Union, Wabash, Erie, Union Pacific, Rock Island and N. Y. Central.

Government bonds are strong and advancing. State bonds are dull. There is a moderate demand for desirable railway mortgages.

The following tables show the foreign trade movements for the week:

| | 1873. | 1874. |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total for week..... | \$3,337,021 | \$1,902,468 |
| Prev. reported..... | \$3,124,152 | \$2,574,092 |
| Since Jan. 1..... | \$33,479,173 | \$33,211,676 |

Included in the imports of general merchandise for the week are:

| | Quant. | Value. |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Brass goods..... | 10 | \$1,355 |
| Blanching..... | 2 | 710 |
| Bronzes..... | 89 | 14,413 |
| Chains and anchors..... | 339 | 13,314 |
| Cutlery..... | 56 | 10,254 |
| Gun..... | 41 | 4,746 |
| Hardware..... | 361 | 5,361 |
| Iron, hoop iron..... | 108 | 13,596 |
| Iron, pig, tons..... | 1,350 | 4,837 |
| Iron sheet, tons..... | 436 | 85,734 |
| Railroad bars..... | 1,668 | 24,111 |
| Iron cotton ties..... | 5,638 | 6,328 |
| Iron, other, tons..... | 10 | 3,139 |
| Lead pipe..... | 3 | 621 |
| Metal goods..... | 10 | 1,509 |
| Nails..... | 8,825 | 85,679 |
| Old metal..... | 92,530 | 2,470 |
| Paint..... | 3 | 621 |
| Per. caps..... | 10 | 1,509 |
| Saddlery..... | 3,825 | 85,679 |
| Steel..... | 92,530 | 2,470 |
| Tin, slabs, 4770; lbs., 541,609..... | 305 | 7,999 |
| Wire..... | 345,970 | 15,113 |
| Zinc..... | 345,970 | 15,113 |

| | 1873. | 1874. |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| For the week..... | \$4,990,213 | \$6,494,341 |
| Prev. reported..... | \$7,786,873 | \$4,713,743 |
| Since Jan. 1..... | \$166,648,895 | \$166,228,228 |

| | 1873. | 1874. |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total for the week..... | \$554,903 | \$1,839,443 |
| Previously reported..... | \$1,839,443 | \$1,839,443 |
| Total since January 1, 1874..... | \$4,474,045 | \$4,474,045 |
| Same time in 1873..... | \$4,474,045 | \$4,474,045 |
| Same time in 1874..... | \$4,474,045 | \$4,474,045 |

Government bonds closed as follows:

| | Bid. | Asked. |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| U. S. Currency 6's..... | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 |
| U. S. 6 1/2 1881 reg..... | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 |
| U. S. 6 1/2 1881 con..... | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 |
| U. S. 5 1/2 1880 reg..... | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 |
| U. S. 5 1/2 1880 con..... | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 |
| U. S. 5 1/2 1880 reg. new..... | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 |
| U. S. 5 1/2 1880 con. new..... | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 |
| U. S. 5 1/2 1880 reg. 1877..... | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 |
| U. S. 5 1/2 1880 con. 1877..... | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 |
| U. S. 5 1/2 1880 reg. 1878..... | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 |
| U. S. 5 1/2 1880 con. 1878..... | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 |
| U. S. 5 1/2 1880 reg. 1879..... | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 |
| U. S. 5 1/2 1880 con. 1879..... | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 |
| U. S. 5 1/2 1880 reg. 1880..... | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 |
| U. S. 5 1/2 1880 con. 1880..... | 117 1/2 | 117 1/2 |

The following were the highest and lowest prices of stocks to-day:

| | Highest. | Lowest. |
|---------------------------------------|----------|---------|
| N. Y. Cen. & Hudson Consolidated..... | 101 1/2 | 101 1/2 |
| Lake Shore..... | 85 1/2 | 85 1/2 |
| Rock Island..... | 101 1/2 | 101 1/2 |
| Wabash..... | 85 1/2 | 85 1/2 |
| Barren..... | 125 1/2 | 125 1/2 |
| Western Union Telegraph..... | 80 1/2 | 80 1/2 |
| Northwestern..... | 41 1/2 | 41 1/2 |
| Preferred..... | 57 | 56 |
| Milwaukee & St. Paul..... | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Pacific Mail..... | 31 1/2 | 31 1/2 |
| Chicago & Milwaukee..... | 25 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Eastern, Hartford & Erie..... | 29 1/2 | 29 1/2 |
| U. S. Pacific..... | 15 1/2 | 15 1/2 |
| U. S. Ind. Central..... | 15 1/2 | 15 1/2 |
| U. S. Pacific pref..... | 15 1/2 | 15 1/2 |
| Hannibal & St. Joseph..... | 28 1/2 | 28 1/2 |
| Quicksilver..... | 32 1/2 | 32 1/2 |
| Preferred..... | 39 | 38 |
| Consolidated Coal..... | 47 | 47 |

GENERAL HARDWARE.

There is a good deal of complaint that orders are small, but they are numerous, and evidence is not wanting that both the jobbing and retail houses are carrying as light stocks as they can. When a brisk trade springs up there must be a very heavy demand. Some out of town failures have been reported this week.

The Providence Tool Company offer their "Providence" Clothes Wringers, in lots of two

dozen or more, at the lowest prices quoted by manufacturers of other first-class machines in lots of 20 or 30 dozen. They offer their "Beliance" Clothes Wringers at \$5 per dozen less than the "Providence".

J. Clark Wilson & Co. inform us that the price of the Eureka Can Opener, for which they are agents, has been reduced to \$4 per dozen, net. This firm have now a supply of their catalogues (noticed by us last week), and will be happy to send a copy, with the discount sheet, to their friends on receipt of the first order from them.

P. & F. Corbin issue the following notice, dated October 1st:

"Change discount on Copal Bronzed Loose Joint Butts (see our price book, No. 2, page 7) to 55 per cent. Add same Butts with Bronze Metal Acorns, same list, discount 50 per cent."

There is little change in the Nail market, although the feeling seems to be a shade better. Stocks are even more broken than at our last writing, and we believe there is not a concern in the city but has a very light stock. There is, therefore, more difficulty in getting Nails than last week, but prices are not any firmer. The general quotation is \$3.75, but there would be no difficulty in placing an order of 200 kegs at \$3.65.

There are no changes in Foreign Hardware to report. Late advices from England are very emphatic in stating that there seems to be no prospect of any further declines, as the men are determined not to accept lower wages, although very little work is offering them.

Sargent & Co., under date of the 25th instant, issue a bulletin giving the following changes made since the date of their last discount sheet. Many of these changes have been already noticed by us. The extra discount of 10 per cent. for cash applies to the following figures:

| | August 23. |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| 764, Miller's Oilers, Zinc..... | 33 1/2 |
| Brass and Copper..... | 20 |
| 770, High Brass Wire..... | 20 |
| No. 10 to 20..... | 21 to 23 |
| Lb..... | 31 |
| 770, Sheet Brass..... | 20 |
| 14 in. and under, per lb..... | 30 |
| Over 14 in. to 20 in..... | 25 |
| Over 20 in. to 30 in..... | 32 |

| | August 27. |
|--|------------|
| 309, No. 50, Iron Bench Screws..... | 60 to 10 |
| 309, Parker's Blind Nuts..... | 55 |
| 309, Seymour's..... | 55 |
| 309, Ladd's Shindling Hatchets..... | 45 |
| All other Ladd's Hatchets..... | 35 1/2 |
| 309, C. S. Gimlet Bits..... | 35 1/2 |
| 309, Ladd's D. C. Gimlet Bits..... | 50 |
| 309, Ladd's D. C. Gimlet Bits..... | 25 |
| 309, No. 10 Base Knobs, Hirsch and Black Walnut..... | 45 |
| 309, Awls and Tools, Nos. 24, 43..... | 35 |

| | August 23. |
|--|------------|
| 701, Peg Breaks..... | 25 |
| 701, No. 10 Spring Punches..... | 20 |
| 701, Iron Spokeshaves..... | 35 1/2 |
| 701, Hammer Saw sets, Aiken's Pattern..... | 30 |
| 701, No. 50 Dividers..... | 30 |
| 701, Valipers, Nos. 62, 63, 65..... | 20 |
| 701, Clear Box Openers..... | 35 1/2 |
| 701, Saw Box Openers..... | 30 |
| 701, Box Scrapers..... | 20 |
| 711, Fluting Scissors (Change list of No. 31 to \$1.50)..... | 25 |
| 714, 715, Eagle Saws..... | 70 |
| 725, Platform Scales..... | 70 |
| 732, Mouse Traps..... | 45 |
| 737, Boardman's Sponges..... | 45 to 1 |
| 744, Borey's D. or Spide..... | 55 |
| 748, B. & A. Flint Sand Paper..... | 6 |
| 749, B. & A. Emery..... | 6 |
| 771, Galvanized Pump Chain..... | 19 |
| 774, Cork Line 1 Facets..... | 60 |
| 795-799, Hotchkiss' Curry Combs..... | 30 |

| | August 29. |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 288, 289, Strap and T Hinges..... | 30 to 10 |
| September 3. | |
| 716, Seymour's Straight Trimmers..... | 67 |
| 718, Cast Iron Shears..... | 25 |
| 744, Hand Bells..... | 65 to 5 |

| | September 12. |
|--|---------------|
| 195, Cernice Hooks and Eyes..... | 70 to 10 |
| 195, Gate Hooks and Eyes..... | 70 to 10 |
| 196, 197, Screw Eyes..... | 70 to 10 |
| 198, Screw Hooks..... | 70 to 10 |
| 600, Clark's Blind Hinges, Nos. 1 and 2..... | 25 |
| No. 2 to 6..... | 25 |
| No. 20..... | 60 |
| 623, Railroad Picks..... | 43 |
| 611, Boring Machines, Change list of No. 30 to \$9.40; No. 35 to \$9.50..... | 30 |

| | September 23. |
|---|---------------|
| 733, Turn Table Apple Parers, \$6.75 per dozen..... | net |
| September 23. | |
| 288, Stebbins' Gates, Nos. 1 to 4..... | 65 |
| Nos. 51 to 54..... | 65 |

Sargent & Co. also issue the following notice:

"Referring to a circular issued by another manufacturer cautioning the trade against buying our Store Door Handles and Escutcheons combined, Nos. 235 and 435, represented on pages 120 and 121 of our book and on inside pages of this bulletin, we take this opportunity to inform the public that we shall continue to make and sell these Handles, and that purchasers need not fear any annoyance or trouble from any legal proceedings on the part of those who claim the patent, and that we will guarantee and protect our customers against any loss or damage; defending the cases, should any be brought, with our own lawyers."

"That we are the original and first inventors and the first manufacturers of these goods is admitted by the contestants, and the Department Patent Examiner awarded to us the patent. An appeal was made to the full Board of Examiners, and it was again awarded to us; the two awards were made by the only practical experienced experts in the Patent Office. The Acting Commissioner reversed these decisions on technical grounds, and we have not a shadow of doubt that this decision of the Acting Commissioner will be set aside by the courts and the patent be finally decreed to us, the original inventors and first manufacturers."

The store of Sargent & Co. was closed on Monday, in consequence of the death of Mrs. J. B. Sargent, of New Haven.

It is not very long ago that we published a letter from Henry Disston, in which he stated that he expected to sell his Saws in Sheffield. That there is even now a market for his Saws in England is proved by a letter, dated the 1st instant, from G. M. Campbell, Ironmonger, Crook, Co. Durham, England, to Henry Disston & Sons, of which the following is a copy:

I have just received through Messrs. Churchill, London, a few of your Saws, which I ordered from an advertisement in *The Iron Age* some weeks ago. It is pleasant to state that those received have been universally admired—so much so, that I am ready to give a general order, but I am prevented through not having your price list or general catalogue. Inclosed please find post office order for 5/6, for which I will thank you to send me your illustrated list, either by post or through Messrs. Churchill, 493 Greenwich street, N. Y. I will be extremely obliged, and if the cost is any more, I will be glad to pay it.

We will, in this connection, state that we saw the other day at Graham & Haines' an order from Germany amounting to seven or eight hundred dollars, for Saws, Enterprise Coffee Mills, Planes, Axes, Hatchets, Brushes, Curry Combs, Geneva Fluters, Mann's Sieves, Boring Machines, and some other goods.

Hotchkiss Sons have filled all, or nearly all, their orders for Curry Combs, and Graham & Haines inform us that they have received from the factory a full stock complete in all but one or two numbers, from which they can fill orders promptly.

Hart, Bliven & Mead Mfg. Co. have got up a handsome sample case of Hardware for Thos. H. Briggs & Son, Raleigh, N. C., who will exhibit it at the approaching State Fair. It was forwarded to them last week.

The "Crystal Spring Filter," with porcelain-lined cooler, manufactured by John C. Jewett & Sons, Buffalo, N. Y., is an article which merits the confidence of the trade and the public.

We have had one in use for some time, and experiments of various kinds have satisfied us that it will clear water, however dirty, of visible impurities. The water first passes through tightly compressed sponges and gravel held in a cup, which is readily removed for cleansing. This of itself would answer the purpose for which a filter is intended; but before the water reaches the porcelain cooler it must pass through alternate layers of gravel and charcoal, which assist in rendering its clarification perfect. There is nothing to get out of order, and nothing to require renewal except the sponges, which may be occasionally replaced with advantage. This filter is the best we have ever seen for family use.

We have been shown Amidon's Patent Double Grip, Steel Jawed, Bit Brace, made by the Amidon Mfg. Co., of Miller's Falls, Mass. The price is 40 per cent. discount from the following list:

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| No. 14, 14 inch sweep..... | \$33.00 per doz. |
| No. 12, 12 "..... | 30 00 |
| No. 10, 10 "..... | 27 00 |
| No. 8, 8 "..... | 27 00 |
| Extension Bit Holder..... | 30 00 |
| Chucks..... | 27 00 |

The manufacturers speak as follows of this Brace:

Mr. Amidon is the inventor of the Barber Improved Brace, patented in 1863, of which more have been heretofore sold than any or all other kinds of Braces; and in the production of his last pattern, he has spared no pains, time, or expense, to produce a much superior article to any ever offered in the market, embodying, as it does, all of the best qualities of other Braces, and free from the objections existing in others, and made from the best stock in the most thorough manner; and among its numerous excellent qualities are the cast steel jaws, with tempered qualities, making them equally as hard and durable as tools or dies, and will stand the severest test and hardest service; and use, and shows clearly the worthlessness of malleable iron jaws used in other Braces. The jaws are constructed with a double grip, giving great strength in use and firmness in holding the bit, while the size and shape is such as to hold with equal firmness any size of shank from a fine needle to the largest sized bit, either round or square.

The head, by its peculiar structure, is so applied to the Brace as to be firm and strong, and yet simple in the design and not liable to wear or get out of order, and yet easily repaired if by accident or extensive use any repairs are needed.

Knowing that Amidon's Patent Double Grip, Steel Jawed, Bit Brace is superior to all others, yet for the purpose of giving it an early introduction, we offer it to the trade at equally low prices.

The most interesting feature of the Cincinnati Industrial Exposition, during the past week, was the contest among the manufacturers of Circular Saws for a premium and one hundred dollars in gold, which was offered for the best 56 inch Circular Saw, to be run on a left hand mill. No restriction was laid upon the maker as to the number or shape of teeth or the gauge of his saw, and the prize was open for contestants with either solid or inserted teeth. The names of the manufacturers who availed themselves of this opportunity will be found below in the order of their trial.

The trial which was expected to commence on the 21st instant, was postponed until Wednesday, the 23d.

The mill used on this occasion was one of Lane & Bodley's "Mammoth" Saw Mills. The following mode of contest was recommended by the jurors, and adopted:

1. That each saw be required to saw one poplar log, 12 feet long, 30x30, and one oak log, 12 feet long, 16x16, into one inch boards. The exact time consumed by each saw in cutting its two logs to be recorded.

2. The amount of lumber manufactured by each saw to be measured and kept separate.

3. The amount of steam used by each saw to be weighed.

4. To determine who shall lead off in the contest, the names of contestants should be placed in a hat, and drawn therefrom by a disinterested party. The first name drawn shall be the first to select his two logs, and lead off in the contest, and the others follow in rotation as their names are drawn. All parties to select their saws to be used in the contest, and place them in the possession of the jurors before the trial commences.

The engineer and setter for all saws to be furnished by Lane & Bodley. The sawyer selected by each contestant.

ORDER OF TRIALS.

- Hogan & Sowden.
- E. Andrews.
- J. W. Ballbridge & Co.
- American Saw Co.
- Emerson, Ford & Co.
- Woodrough & McParlin.
- R. Hoe & Co.
- Jan. Ohlen.
- Curtis & Co.

JURORS.

Lewis Glenn and R. S. Lee.

The first Saw put on the mandril was manufactured by Hogan & Sowden, of Cincinnati. It was a solid Saw, 56 inches in diameter, 6 to 8 gauge; light, with 36 teeth. After making two cuts on a poplar log, 12 feet long, 20x30 inches, on 4 1/2 inch feed, the Saw ran into the log and was by the shock disabled. It was decided to change the cone on the mill, so as to allow lighter feed. The jurors recommended the granting of the privilege to Hogan & Sowden of another trial with a new Saw, which was readily granted. The record of their second trial will be found in the following table:

| | Logs. | No. of Cuts. | Feed, inches. | Time, min. sec. | Gauge of Saw. | No. of Teeth. | Remarks. |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Hogan & Sowden..... | Poplar. | 15 | 3 1/2 | 2 52 | 10 | | Saw ran out of log. |
| E. Andrews..... | Poplar. | 15 | 3 1/2 | 3 00 | 5 and 7 | 40 | |
| J. W. Ballbridge & Co..... | Poplar. | 15 | 2 3/4 | 2 05 | 5 and 7 | 40 | |
| American Saw Co..... | Poplar. | 15 | 2 3/4 | 2 03 | 8 and 9 | 48 | |
| Emerson, Ford & Co..... | Poplar. | 15 | 3 1/2 | 2 31 | 6 and 8 | 40 | |
| Woodrough & McParlin..... | Poplar. | 15 | 3 1/2 | 2 29 | 6 and 8 | 40 | |
| Emerson, Ford & Co..... | Poplar. | 15 | 3 1/2 | 2 44 | 6 and 7 | 50 | |
| Woodrough & McParlin..... | Poplar. | 15 | 3 1/2 | 1 43 | 6 and 7 | 50 | |
| R. Hoe & Co..... | Poplar. | 15 | 3 1/2 | 1 45 | 6 and 9 | 40 | |
| James Ohlen..... | Poplar. | 15 | 4 1/2 | 2 09 | 5 and 8 | 36 | |
| James Ohlen..... | Poplar. | 15 | 4 1/2 | 2 53 | 6 and 7 | 32 | |
| Curtis & Co..... | Poplar. | 15 | 3 1/2 | 2 51 | 10 | | Saw ran out of log. |
| Curtis & Co..... | Poplar. | 15 | 3 1/2 | 2 50 | 10 | | |

ell therefrom the following, dated 10th September: "There has been a very steady business in all descriptions during the week, Chili Bars selling at £78 to £78 15/ for ordinary, and £78 10/ to £79 10/ for picked and special brands, and the market closes with rather a hardening tendency. Stuff on the spot is scarce, and buyers, in many instances, were compelled to take parcels to arrive, which importers have quitted only at a trifling premium on cash values. The market is now very bare of available metal, and we doubt if extensive purchases could be effected, especially in good ordinary brands, even at our highest list prices. The transactions in Australian shorts during the past week were but small; holders, however, are very firm, and the rise in Chili Bars is likely to strengthen them in their views. English descriptions are steady, and smelters are doing a fair trade, though chiefly in Tough and Select." Greater steadiness is observable in manufactures of Copper. We quote Yellow Metal Bolts, 25c. @ 30c.; New Sheathing Copper, 35c. @ 31c.; Bolts and Braziers, 32c. @ 33c.; and Bronze and Yellow Metal, 22c. @ 23c., net cash.

Tin.—Rather a quiet market has prevailed throughout the week in this metal, owing to a great extent, to the firmness of holders, especially of Straits Tin, and the moderate supply of English; transactions have thus more exclusively been of a jobbing character, circumscribed in volume. We quote Straits 21 1/2c., gold; English Refined, 21 1/2c. @ 21 3/4c.; L. and F., 21 1/2c. @ 21 3/4c.; and Banca, 25c.; all gold. Closing quotations at London, as per cable, 26th instant: English Refined, £98; and do. Common, £97. "SINGAPORE, Sept. 29th, per cable.—Malacca Tin, \$24.75 per picul; September shipments to New York and Boston 150 tons." No telegraphic news is to hand, up to the closing hour, from Holland as regards the result of the Dutch government sale of yesterday. Mail accounts from London, dated 19th September, read as follows: "Straits advanced £3 during the week, but the quantity sold at the top figure was not large. The English smelters raised their quotations £2 all round on the 14th instant; the demand since has, however, hardly been so good, and foreign is slightly weaker." Straits at the time was £98. 10/ @ £94, cash, and £92 @ £92 15/ to arrive. There was a decline of £1 since the 23d Sept., when, by cable, the two descriptions of English stood £99 and £98. Tin Plates in this market have enjoyed a steady demand, a fair jobbing trade having been transacted, sales summing up 2000 boxes, and the market closes firm, as follows: I. C. Charcoal, \$9.75 @ \$10, gold, per box; I. C. Coke, \$7.75 @ \$8; Coke Terne, \$6.75 @ \$7; and Charcoal Terne, \$7.75 @ \$9; all gold.

Lead.—Government has been selling right along at 6c., gold, while Domestic has been bigging from 6 1/2c. @ 6 1/2c., gold, but the dealings are not large, the better part of the fall trade, in Drop Shot for instance, being over, dealers having bought largely thereof while manufacturers were selling at \$7, net, now \$7 7/8, net, the 100 pounds. The months of August and September were thus kept pretty active, but the dealers are now well supplied with that class of manufacture. We may, of course, expect the usual fair amount of activity in manufactures of Lead in October and November, but can look forward to nothing extraordinary. The sales of government and Domestic Lead for the past week have, all told, not exceeded 400 tons. Foreign is quiet, but steady, at 6 1/2c. @ 6 1/2c., gold, for Common, and 7c., gold, for Refined. "LONDON, Sept. 19.—There has been a very strong market for this metal, and a further rise has been established. The improvement is owing, perhaps, more to the want of supplies than to any excessive demand. There is no speculation going on at present, but the advance may be taken as purely from legitimate causes. Such being the case, there is every prospect that the rise will not prove of an evanescent nature, but will hold for some time. Some sellers decline making a price for any large quantity for the present, as they cannot undertake to make any fixed deliveries. Spanish continues scarce at £21. 12/6 @ £21. 15/ being the present value. Of manufactures of Lead we quote Bar, Pipe and Sheet, 8 1/2c., and steady, with a trade discount of 10 per cent. Tin Lined Pipe, as heretofore, 16 1/2c.

Spelter and Zinc.—Spelter remains inactive at 6 1/2c., currency, Western, at which figure it moves off in moderate lots. The smelters at the West are very much discouraged by the low price which their product commands on this coast, and may find it in their interest to curtail production. Not much has transpired in Foreign, which we quote 6 1/2c. @ 6 1/2c., gold, the usual brands, and 6 1/2c., ditto, special Silesian. "LONDON, Sept. 19.—Sellers are very firm, and now ask £22. 12/6 @ £22. 15/ for ordinary Silesian, being a rise of 5/ per ton. Vieille Montagne Zinc has advanced £2 per ton. Sheet Zinc at New York has responded to the European improvement, and now commands 8 1/2c., gold, while Mosselman has been advanced to 9 1/2c., gold, 4 per cent. off.

Antimony.—The stock is limited, and so is the demand; the few dealings go at 11 1/2c., gold.

OLD METALS, PAPER STOCK, &c.

Business in this market has improved considerably since last week, and a better feeling is apparent among dealers. Hemp and Grass Rope is in good demand. Gunny Bagging is also a little more active, but not sufficiently so to alter prices. Old Metals continue very dull, and are in but little request. Prices are firm, however, and we have nothing new to report in the way of changes in our market quotations. The following are the purchasing prices offered by dealers:

Old Metals.—Copper, 15c. @ 16c. per lb.; Yellow Metal, 11c. @ 12c.; Brass, 10c. @ 12c.; Composition, heavy, 15c. @ 16c.; Lead, solid, 5 1/2c.; Tin Lead,

4c.; Zinc, 4 1/2c. @ 5c.; Pewter, No. 1, 19c. @ 20c.; No. 2, 18c. @ 19c.; Spelter, 5c. @ 5 1/2c.; Wrought Iron, 1 1/2c. @ 1 3/4c.; Sheet, 1 1/2c. @ 1 3/4c.; Cast, 1 1/2c. @ 1 3/4c.; Machinery, 5c. @ 5 1/2c.; Rags, &c.—Canvas, Linen, 5c. @ 5 1/2c.; Cotton, No. 1, 6c. @ 6 1/2c.; No. 2, 5 1/2c. @ 6c.; No. 3, 5c. @ 5 1/2c.; Colored, do. 2c. @ 2 1/2c.; Mixed, Woolen, 2c. @ 2 1/2c.; Soft, do. 4 1/2c. @ 5c.; Gunny Bagging, 1c.; Jute Butts, 1 1/2c. @ 2c.; Kentucky Bagging, 3c.; Book Stock, 3c.; Waste Paper and Scraps, 1 1/2c.; Kentucky Bale Rope, 4c.; Oakum Junk, No. 1, 4 1/2c. @ 5c.; do. No. 2, 3c. @ 3 1/2c.; Tarred Shaking, 1c. @ 1 1/2c.; Grass Rope, 3c.

IMPORTATIONS.

Of Hardware, Iron, Steel and Metals into the Port of New York, for the week ending September 29, 1874:

| Hardware. | Iron. | Steel. | Metals. |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Baker Hermann & Co. Cases, 3 | Gunns, cs., 3 | Brown Wm. Cases, 25 | Baring Bros. & Co. Lead, pigs, 2000 |
| Miles, pkgs., 10 | Sheet, bds., 119 | Hogan John, Cases, 22 | Byrne Joseph, Tin plates, bxs., 250 |
| Miles, pkgs., 48 | Congreve Chas. & Son, Rails, 570 | Naylor & Co. Cases, 15 | Hartman Geo. & Co. Lead, bxs., 13,000 |
| Anvil, 100 | Drexel, Morgan & Co. Bars, 500 | Providence Tool Co. Cases, 7 | Hartman Geo. & Co. Tin ingots, 300; bbls. |
| Chains, pcs., 3 | Lang W. Bailey & Co. Bars, 1000 | Pierston & Co. Bundles, 95 | Naylor & Co. Tin plates, bxs., 821 |
| Basford E. D. Cases, 3 | Hardy A. Scrap, tons, 55 1/2 | Richards & Sons, Cases, 64 | Phelps, Dodge & Co. Zinc, cs., 150 |
| Drexel, Morgan & Co. Cases, 2 | Henderson Bros. Pig, tons, 100 | Sanderson Geo. & Co. Cases, 225 | Tin plates, bxs., 9793 |
| Dux Wm. & Co. Cutlery, cs., 1 | Lang W. Bailey & Co. Bars, 1000 | Vose, Diamond & Co. Bundles, 57 | Wheeler E. N. & Co. Tin plates, bxs., 335 |
| Field A. & Co. Cases, 10 | Laughton & Co. Hay bands, bds., 1000 | West, Bradly & Carey, Wire, bds., 257 | Wheeler E. N. & Co. Tin plates, bxs., 335 |
| Miles, pkgs., 91 | Naylor & Co. Rails, 630 | Woodford W. O. Cases, 64 | Order. |
| Freeman W. H. Cases, 1 | Plates, bds., 985 | Order. | |
| Forme F. & Co. Cases, 1 | Bare, 4773 | | |
| Folom Chas. Gunns, cs., 1 | Providence Tool Co. Bars, 421 | | |
| Guns, cs., 1 | Thompson A. A. & Co. Sheet, bds., 250 | | |
| Hilger E. & Sons, Packages, 4 | Wheeler E. N. & Co. Bundles, 2 | | |
| Hildick A. H. Cases, 1 | Order. | | |
| Anvil, 12 | | | |
| Chains, cs., 2; pcs., 10 | | | |
| Hays H. M. Cases, 2 | | | |
| Harmer Wm. & Co. Packages, 3 | | | |
| Justice P. S. Wire rope, coils, 2 | | | |
| Laughton & Co. Cases, 3 | | | |
| Lewis & Conger, Cases, 3 | | | |
| Miles N. & Co. Packages, 2 | | | |
| Mason John W. & Co. Wire rope, coils, 3 | | | |
| Moore Henry, Files, cs., 11 | | | |
| Moore's J. P. Sons, Arms, cs., 1 | | | |
| Merchants' Dispatch Co. Packages, 10 | | | |
| Anvil, 15 | | | |
| New York Knife Co. Anvil, 1 | | | |
| Noyes, White & Co. Cases, 2 | | | |
| Phelps, Bloom & Brown, Cases, 2 | | | |
| Page E. & Co. Wire rope, coils, 587 | | | |
| Quackenbush & Townsend, Cases, 2 | | | |
| Richards & Sons, Gunns, cs., 1 | | | |
| Schoverling & Daly, Arms, cs., 5 | | | |
| Stratton John F. & Co. Cases, 10 | | | |
| Schwelzer Mfg. Co. Mide, pkgs., 2 | | | |
| Sawyer John, Wire rope, reels, 9 | | | |
| Swan & Brombacher, Cases, 1 | | | |
| Seymour W. N. Cases, 3 | | | |
| Van Wart & McCoy, Chains, cs., 1 | | | |
| Cases, 5 | | | |
| Tillotson L. G. & Co. Tin plates, bxs., 732 | | | |
| Windmuller L. & Roelker, Cases, 3 | | | |
| Ward A. Packages, 6 | | | |
| Webb P. Cases, 35 | | | |
| Mide, pkgs., 19 | | | |
| Order. | | | |
| Wire netting, rolls, 25 | | | |

COAL.

During the last week there was an improved demand for Anthracite Coal, in consequence of the publication of the increase in prices for October delivery, as announced by the Associated Coal Companies, which we noted in our last report. As this is the last week for September delivery, retail dealers have been laying in more freely. 60,000 tons of Scranton Coal were sold Wednesday morning at the rooms of the Delaware & Lackawanna Company, corner of William street and Exchange Place. The attendance was large and the bidding spirited. The following are the prices, with a comparison of last month's sales:

| Tons. | August. | September. |
|-------------|--|---|
| Scranton... | 6,000 @ \$12.12 @ \$15.17 1/2 @ \$13.30 | 5,225 @ \$12.12 @ \$15.17 1/2 @ \$13.30 |
| Grate... | 15,000 @ \$12.12 @ \$15.17 1/2 @ \$13.30 | 5,225 @ \$12.12 @ \$15.17 1/2 @ \$13.30 |
| East... | 5,000 @ \$12.12 @ \$15.17 1/2 @ \$13.30 | 5,225 @ \$12.12 @ \$15.17 1/2 @ \$13.30 |
| Stov... | 5,000 @ \$12.12 @ \$15.17 1/2 @ \$13.30 | 5,225 @ \$12.12 @ \$15.17 1/2 @ \$13.30 |
| Chestnut... | 5,000 @ \$12.12 @ \$15.17 1/2 @ \$13.30 | 5,225 @ \$12.12 @ \$15.17 1/2 @ \$13.30 |

The Pottsville *Miner's Journal* says: "Notwithstanding the dullness of the trade, the Associated Coal Companies are determined to carry out their programme for the year, and have, therefore, advanced the price of Coal 15 cents per ton for October at the shipping ports. As they possess the ability to carry out their programme this year under the most depressing circumstances in the trade, the public may rest assured that their policy will be continued hereafter, and all purchasers of Anthracite Coal can make up their mind to be governed by it, and act accordingly. The following are the prices of the different Company's Coal, delivered at the various shipping ports near New York, for October delivery:

| | L. | Str. | Gr. | Eg. | Sto. | Cl. |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| D. & H. Canal Co. | 5.40 | 5.50 | 5.60 | 5.75 | 5.85 | 5.95 |
| Scranton... | 5.35 | 5.45 | 5.55 | 5.70 | 5.80 | 5.90 |
| New York Coal Exch... | 5.30 | 5.40 | 5.50 | 5.65 | 5.75 | 5.85 |
| Old Co. Lehigh... | 5.25 | 5.35 | 5.45 | 5.60 | 5.70 | 5.80 |
| Roanoke... | 5.20 | 5.30 | 5.40 | 5.55 | 5.65 | 5.75 |
| Honey Brook... | 5.15 | 5.25 | 5.35 | 5.50 | 5.60 | 5.70 |
| Spring Brook, Lehigh... | 5.10 | 5.20 | 5.30 | 5.45 | 5.55 | 5.65 |
| Wilkesbarre... | 5.05 | 5.15 | 5.25 | 5.40 | 5.50 | 5.60 |
| Plymouth Red Assn... | 5.00 | 5.10 | 5.20 | 5.35 | 5.45 | 5.55 |
| Wyoming Coal Assn... | 4.95 | 5.05 | 5.15 | 5.30 | 5.40 | 5.50 |
| tion at South Ambury... | 4.90 | 5.00 | 5.10 | 5.25 | 5.35 | 5.45 |
| Su-qa. Coal Co. | 4.85 | 4.95 | 5.05 | 5.20 | 5.30 | 5.40 |
| Hillsdale Coal and Iron... | 4.80 | 4.90 | 5.00 | 5.15 | 5.25 | 5.35 |
| Bonell's Wyoming... | 4.75 | 4.85 | 4.95 | 5.10 | 5.20 | 5.30 |
| Harleth... | 4.70 | 4.80 | 4.90 | 5.05 | 5.15 | 5.25 |
| Duncan's Laurel Dale... | 4.65 | 4.75 | 4.85 | 5.00 | 5.10 | 5.20 |
| Classton... | 4.60 | 4.70 | 4.80 | 4.95 | 5.05 | 5.15 |
| Coke Creek... | 4.55 | 4.65 | 4.75 | 4.90 | 5.00 | 5.10 |

The inquiry for Bituminous Coal has been on a very moderate scale, and prices are unaltered. We quote as follows: Cumberland, \$6.25 @ \$6.75; American Gas, \$7 @ \$7.75; West Virginia, \$7.50 @ \$8; Pennsylvania and Westmoreland, \$7.50 @ \$8; American Cannel, \$13; James River Steam, \$8.25.

The demand for foreign is limited, and prices are nominal. Our quotations are: Liverpool House Cannel, \$18 @ \$19; Liverpool Gas, \$11; Newcastle Gas, \$7.50 @ \$8; Scotch, \$9. The total amount of Coal shipped by the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company for the week ending Sept. 18th, and for the year commencing January 1st, 1874, is as follows:

| | Tons. |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| From Wilkesbarre Region... | 33,332 |
| " Lehigh Region... | 30,655 |
| Total for week... | 60,977 |
| Previous shipments... | 1,522,864 |
| Total for year... | 1,583,841 |

The Coal transported over the Cumberland Branch Railroad during the week ending September 26, 1874, amounted to 5973 tons, as against 6016 tons shipped in the corresponding period of last year, showing a decrease of 44 tons. Over the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad, for the same period, the shipments were 46,398 tons, against 58,679 tons shipped in 1873, a decrease of 11,741 tons.

PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 29, 1874.

There is nothing encouraging to be said of the state of the iron trade, nor is there any better prospect in the outlook. The purchases of Pig Metal are confined to absolute necessities, both for Foundry and Forge grades. The blowing in of a few furnaces, some weeks since, gave rise to the belief among foundry men that production would be materially increased and prices lower; parties placing orders shared this belief and both held off. It is probable a firm advance of a single dollar per ton would have turned the tide and brought out buyers. As it is, nothing of moment is expected until spring, unless some concerted action among furnace owners should entirely suspend production. The example of the cotton and print manufacturers of New England, who have decided to restrict production one-third until their goods can be sold at a profit, might be advantageously followed by the iron trade. Notwithstanding the dullness, there have been some considerable sales of Pig Metal in the last week, but principally of No. 2 Iron, to Pipe works, and generally at low figures. It is generally conceded that Pig Metal is being sold at a loss, and that there is no reason to expect any immediate improvement unless the supply is decreased.

In Manufactured Irons there is a somewhat better feeling. Bars are slightly more sought; some fair orders have been placed with the car works and other consumers. For Sheet and Plate Irons there is a fair demand. Rails are quiet, but relatively the best stock in Manufactured Irons, while old material of every kind is sluggish and weaker in price. Charcoal Pig Metal is in moderate demand, and sells slowly at prices which offers no encouragement to the trade for further production. The Car Wheel Foundries have suffered with the Rail Mills by the depression of the railway interest, and Cold Blast Wheel Irons are not sought save at prices which appear absurd to makers. The following are the nominal prices here, though these are materially shaded, according to the necessities of the seller:

Pig Metal.—No. 1 Foundry, \$30 to \$31; No. 2, \$26 to \$28; Gray Forge, \$26 to \$27; White and Mottled, \$22 to \$24.
Charcoal Pig Metal.—Cold Blast Car Wheel, \$40; Hot Blast do., \$36 to \$37; with sales at these rates.
Bars.—3 cents per lb.
Old Rails.—\$31 to \$32.
Scrap.—\$33 to \$34.

Among the sales are to be noted those of some 6000 tons Foundry, Forge and White, forming part of a lot of 13,000 tons sold this month principally to Pipe works and on private terms, ranging probably about quotations; also 600 tons White at \$22 here, and 600 tons same at \$23. Sales of 1500 tons Rails at \$63 at tide water, time and interest; 600 tons 56's at \$57 at mill; 7500 tons Rails to Central Pacific Railroad on private terms, divided between the Delaware and Lackawanna and Allentown mills; 1000 tons to Jersey City and Albany Railroad, on private terms. Old Rails—1000 tons here at equal to \$31.50, and 1500 tons foreign in New York on private terms. Sales of 180 tons Hot Blast Charcoal at \$26, and small lots of Cold Blast Wheel Iron at \$40.

PITTSBURGH.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 29, 1874.

Pig Iron.—There is nothing new to record in this important staple. Business continues dull, the demand is still restricted wholly to supplying immediate wants, while as regards prices there has been no quotable change for several weeks. Producers are hopeful that there will soon be a change for the better, and it is claimed by some that the raw article is cheaper now, relatively, than the product; but it must be conceded that the outlook at this writing is not very encouraging. The most encouraging feature to notice is that the production has been very much curtailed, so much so that it is thought there is not as much being produced in the West as is being consumed; but then the supply is still considerably in excess of the demand, notwithstanding. It appears to be generally conceded, however, that prices have touched hard pan; even consumers, generally, do not anticipate any further decline, but at the same time they are refusing to buy, except for immediate wants, which would indicate that they do not expect any immediate advance. Good standard Forge Irons may be fairly quoted at \$26.50, 4 mos.; Foundry Irons continue very

dull, and sales of No. 1 have been made as low as \$28.4 mos.; No. 2 quotable at \$26 to \$27. There is but little doing in Charcoal Irons or Blooms.

Scrap Iron.—Dealers continue to report the Scrap market as being very dull and unsatisfactory, instead of improving, as it was hoped it would as soon as the fall trade set in. It appears to be getting worse. There is little or no inquiry, and as stocks are accumulating, and there seems to be but little prospect of an early improvement in the demand, dealers are indifferent about buying.

Manufactured Iron.—Trade continues to keep up pretty well, and while orders are not coming forward as freely as they did prior to the recent advance, the mills appear to have about all they can do, the best evidence of which is they are nearly all in operation, many of them working double turn. The most encouraging feature to notice in that rates are pretty generally adhered to. There appears to be an absence of cutting, and, furthermore, current prices afford a slight margin for profit.

Nails.—The Nail trade continues unsatisfactory; in addition to a limited demand, current rates—\$3.35, 60 days—afford little or no margin for profit; but, then, it is hoped that there will soon be a change for the better. However, there will have to be an improvement in the demand before any attempt will be made to advance prices, and, as might be expected, manufacturers are not very anxious for orders at prevailing rates.

Steel.—The Steel mills are generally reported busy; some of them report being sold ahead of their production from 30 to 60 days, but it is complained that prices have been run down very low, lower than there was any necessity for, and that "cutting" rates has been too much indulged in. There has been no change made in the card for some time, but it is treated as a dead letter.

Rain at Last.—There has been a continuous rain during the past 48 hours, and it cannot but have a very beneficial influence on business, as it will start up the fall crops, revive the pasture, and what is equally as important, will cause an immediate resumption of river navigation.

The Pittsburgh *Commercial* of Sept. 26, says: By reference to sales reported below it will be seen that there are no new features in the iron market this week, and that the prices remain about the same as at date of last report. We are reported the following sales:

| BITUMINOUS COAL SHELLED FROM LAKE SUPERIOR ORE. | |
|---|----------------------|
| 100 tons white and mottled... | \$23.00—4 mos. |
| 100 tons gray forge... | 26.50—4 mos. |
| 100 tons white and mottled... | 24.00—4 mos. |
| 100 tons close gray... | 26.00—4 mos. |
| 100 tons white and mottled, neutral... | P. t. |
| 40 tons No. 1 foundry... | 25.00—4 mos. |
| 10 tons No. 2 foundry... | 29.00—4 mos. |
| CONNELLSVILLE COKE. | |
| 150 tons gray forge... | \$25.50—cash. |
| 150 tons white and mottled mixed... | 24.00—cash. |
| 100 tons gray forge... | 16.50—4 mos. |
| 10 tons No. 2 foundry... | 27.50—4 mos. |
| 10 tons No. 1 foundry... | 29.00—4 mos. |
| HANGING ROCK CHARCOAL. | |
| 70 tons cold blast... | \$25.00—4 mos. |
| 23 tons hot blast foundry No. 1... | 36.00 @ 37.00—4 mos. |
| 25 tons hot blast mill... | 31.00—4 mos. |
| ALLEGHENY COKE. | |
| 100 tons Red Bank... | \$28.00—4 mos. |
| BLOOMS. | |
| 100 tons No. 1 Junata... | \$25.00—5 mos. |

CINCINNATI.

Messrs. ADDY, HULL & Co., under date of Sept. 28th, write us as follows: There has been no large increase in the demand during the past week; still, the better feeling noted in our last has not lost ground. The indications appear good for a substantial demand the coming six months. Prices, however, have not yet strengthened, stocks being still large, and in many directions pressing hard on the market:

| HOT BLAST CHARCOAL. | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Hanging Rock No. 1, 1/2 ton... | \$30.00 @ 34.00—4 mos. |
| " " No. 2, 1/2 ton... | 30.00 @ 34.00—4 mos. |
| " " Forge... | 27.00 @ 29.00—4 mos. |
| Tennessee No. 1... | 32.00 @ 34.00—4 mos. |
| " " Forge... | 27.00 @ 29.00—4 mos. |
| Alabama No. 1... | 31.00 @ 33.00—4 mos. |
| Missouri No. 1... | 33.00 @ 34.00—4 mos. |
| " " No. 2... | 30.00 @ 32.00—4 mos. |
| HOT BLAST STONE COAL. | |
| Missouri No. 1... | \$32.00 @ 33.00—4 mos. |
| " " Forge... | 27.00 @ 29.00—4 mos. |
| Ohio No. 1... | 30.00 @ 31.00—4 mos. |
| " " Forge... | 27.00 @ 29.00—4 mos. |
| Scotch Pig No. 1... | 27.00 @ 28.00—4 mos. |
| COLD BLAST CHARCOAL. | |
| Hanging Rock Hot Wheel 1/2 ton... | \$30.00 @ 35.00—4 mos. |
| Missouri " " " | 48.00 @ 50.00—4 mos. |
| Kentucky " " " | 50.00 @ 55.00—4 mos. |
| Tennessee " " " | 48.00 @ 50.00—4 mos. |
| Georgia " " " | 48.00 @ 50.00—4 mos. |
| Alabama " " " | 48.00 @ 50.00—4 mos. |
| Machinery and Forge... | 45.00 @ 48.00—4 mos. |
| Blooms... | 50.00 @ 55.00—4 mos. |

LOUISVILLE.

Mr. GEO. H. HULL, under date of Sept. 28, writes us as follows: The market is dull and lower for nearly all grades of iron. Quotations are revised as below. The usual time, 4 mos., is allowed on the quotations below:

| HOT BLAST CHARCOAL. | |
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| No. 1 Foundry, from Hanging Rock Ores... | \$30.00 @ 32.00 |
| " " " " | 28.00 @ 30.00 |
| " " Forge, " " " | 27.00 @ 29.00 |
| " " " " | 25.00 @ 27.00 |
| " " " " | 23.00 @ 25.00 |
| " " Forge, from Tennessee Ores... | 30.00 @ 32.00 |
| " " " " | 28.00 @ 30.00 |
| " " Forge, " " " | 27.00 @ 29.00 |
| " " " " | 25.00 @ 27.00 |
| " " Forge, from Alabama Ores... | 30.00 @ 32.00 |
| " " " " | 28.00 @ 30.00 |
| " " Forge, from Iron Mountain Ores... | 32.00 @ 34.00 |
| HOT BLAST STONE COAL. | |
| No. 1 Foundry, from Missouri Ores... | 30.00 @ 32.00 |
| " " " " | 28.00 @ 30.00 |
| " " Forge, " " " | 27.00 @ 29.00 |
| COLD BLAST CHARCOAL. | |
| Car Wheel from Hanging Rock Ores... | 50.00 @ 54.00 |
| " " " " | 45.00 @ 49.00 |
| " " Alabama Ores... | 48.00 @ 5 |

The New Atlantic Cable.

The Great Eastern has completed the laying of her fifth Atlantic cable. The only novelty in this year's operations over those of last year consisted in starting to pay out from Newfoundland toward Ireland, all previous Atlantic cables having been laid from east to west, with the exception of the 1858, which, as we stated in our number before last, was paid out from two ships starting from mid-ocean.

The recent start was made late in the season, and the successful run which the ship has performed, a part of the time against heavy north-east gales, speaks well for ship, cable, machinery and staff. We have not heard of a single hitch or stoppage, and if none have occurred, the manufacture of such a long length, without a flaw, shows to what perfection the machinery for manufacturing, and the system of testing has been brought by engineers and electricians. Captain Halpin was in charge of the cable and ship, and Mr. Laws, chief electrician for the Telegraph Construction Company, and Mr. Hockin, one of the partners of Messrs. Clark & Forde, watched the operations on the part of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company.

The Faraday, which we mentioned in our last number but one as about also to lay an Atlantic cable, and thus produce a kind of Atlantic telegraph cable race against the Great Eastern, only spliced on to the shore end—previously laid from the Irish coast and buoyed—on the 3d, and it appears by the telegrams published in the morning papers, had only got 330 miles from Ireland (or about 150 from the splice) when a fault occurred. She then commenced to pick up; found cable foul of something on the bottom; broke the cable and grappled it again in 2570 fathoms. The fault is stated to have been caused by a piece of wire sticking into the core.

This is exactly the kind of fault which occurred in the 1865, the 1866, and the French Atlantic cables, but it does not appear to have been met with either in the 1873 or 1874 Anglo-American cables, owing to the whipping of yarn which was adopted on those cables, and which keeps the outer wires, when broken, from protruding, and being torn off by the cable itself when sweeping round on the surface of the coil during the operation of paying out. The Faraday's cable has also this whipping of yarn, however, and we believe this is the first instance since such whipping has been used where such a fault has occurred.

The progress of the Faraday will, in spite of a fault or two, be watched with interest. That faults should occur in the first Atlantic cable made by Messrs. Siemens might be expected, and is even excusable, and the fact that the machinery employed and the engineers engaged on the work can recover the cable from 2570 fathoms is encouraging and most creditable to the firm.

Messrs. Siemens are the first contractors who have had the pluck and capital to contest with the Telegraph Construction Company the honor and profit of Atlantic telegraphy, although several other telegraph contracting firms, with extensive works on the Thames, existed before Messrs. Siemens enlarged their works and started machines for insulating wires with gutta-percha.

It is true that the Hooper Company entered into a contract for an Atlantic cable in 1872, a year before Messrs. Siemens, but the Great Western Company, with whom the contract was made, altered their programme, and the cable has been laid along the South American coast from Para to Rio Janeiro, for the Western and Brazilian Telegraph Company.

When we consider that, as far back as 1866, there could be no doubt that Atlantic cables were practicable and would yield large dividends to capital expended on them, it is certainly astonishing that no English capitalists should have been found to back up some of those English contractors and engineers outside of the Telegraph Construction Company for the laying of Atlantic cables, and that at last a German firm should be the first to be allowed to compete with the Telegraph Construction Company. This is the more astonishing, as there are many of our most experienced engineers in submarine telegraph work at liberty to undertake such work.

For some time it was, no doubt, held forth that no ship but the Great Eastern could lay a cable, and the idea of building a ship that would carry an Atlantic cable and be less costly than the Great Eastern was scarcely thought of. In 1868 we gave illustrations of a ship of 8300 tons for laying Atlantic cables, which was designed for a proposed Telegraph Construction Company, which did not, however, come before the public for subscriptions. Since then the Hooper has been built for the Hooper Company, and the Faraday for Messrs. Siemens; and, although since then the St. Vincent and Pernambuco section of the Brazilian Telegraph Company has been successfully laid by the Telegraph Construction Company from three ships, and the change from ship to ship made in deep water, it is not at all certain that the single ship of sufficient size is not the most economical, setting aside even the extra risk of delay and expense which must attend the employment of several ships to pay out a long length of cable across deep water. We believe, therefore, the Faraday is a step in the right direction, although she has only three tanks, which is a disadvantage in some circumstances.

The cable of the Direct United States Company is very similar to the other Atlantics. The copper conductor is, however, of 430 pounds to the nautical mile (instead of 400), insulated with 400 pounds of gutta-percha, and the conductor is composed of a large wire surrounded by a layer of very small ones, the total sectional area of copper being thus contained in a smaller circle, and the electrostatic capacity of

the line diminished with any given coating of gutta-percha. The arrangement approaches more nearly, in fact, to a single solid conductor, with the advantage of the small wires to keep up the continuity should the larger wire break at a brittle place. This is the only novelty in the type of cable. The shore ends and intermediate cables extend further than the Anglo-American on this side; but at present the section from Torbay to Conception Bay, where the cable is buoyed, ends with deep-sea cable, and we should think that some of this will have to be raised and replaced by intermediate cable, and the shore end cable to meet and splice on to the shore end cable and intermediate cable that must be laid across the Newfoundland Banks.

The interruption to the cables from Placentia Bay to Cape Breton, and from St. Pierre to Duxbury, thus for some hours entirely interrupting telegraphic communication with the United States, is an event which has never occurred before since the Anglo-American cables were laid, and had the Direct United States Cable Company adhered to their original programme of a cable direct from Ireland to New Hampshire, and carried this out at the proper season, they might have gained great credit during their rival's breakdown. As it is, their endeavors to shorten their circuits by crawling along the coast to Torbay and on to Newfoundland, will leave a portion of their line exposed to all the dangers of a light cable laid in shallow water along a nasty coast, and very liable to interruption.

It seems to us, also, a great mistake that the Faraday, during the best part of the summer was engaged in laying the shallow water sections of the line on the American side—which might just as easily have been laid by two moderately sized steamers—instead of being engaged in laying the long span over deep water. The fact that the Faraday has undoubtedly passed successfully through very bad weather lately, and has changed holds without an accident, is encouraging, but we cannot but believe that the risk that is being incurred through the late period to which the operation has been deferred, is a grave error, and that had some of the engineers of long experience in submarine work been consulted when the work was first contemplated, they would have urged with all the authority in their power the extreme importance of securing the summer for the deep-sea portion, for, should another break occur, there is no certainty of the weather being sufficiently fine for grappling operations until the spring of next year. However, we heartily wish Messrs. Siemens every success in their enterprise.—*Engineering.*

The Coal and Metallic Produce of the United Kingdom.

A table recently published supplies material for a comparative statement of the quantities and value of the coal and metals produced from British ores in the United Kingdom from 1859 to 1872, the value given being that which is estimated at the place of production. Looking first at coal, we find that in the fourteen years the rise in the yield has been from 71,979,765 tons in 1859 to 123,497,316 tons in 1872, or an average increase of about three and three-quarter million tons annually. This increase has been comparatively steady, although in two years there was a decrease. In 1863 the yield fell by two million tons below the previous year, but recovered in 1865 by a rise of five millions, and in 1868 the supply was more than 1,000,000 tons below 1867, but the fall was again followed by a large rise. In 1873 the yield was about 6,000,000 tons in excess of 1871. While the supply has nearly doubled, its value has nearly trebled, and has risen from £17,994,441 in 1859 to the enormous sum of £46,311,143 in 1872. This, it must be remembered, was the estimated value at the place of production. The relative value of a ton of coals, as furnished by the comparison of these figures, was 5/6 a ton in 1859, and within a fraction of 7/6 a ton in 1872. This increase in value has been accompanied and has partly resulted from our large consignments of coal to other countries; our exports under that head, as was shown in our notice of the export trade of the United Kingdom a few days ago, having nearly doubled in the same period to which these figures refer. The produce of the metals from British ores shows very different results. The yield of pig iron has risen from 3,712,904 tons in 1859 to 6,741,929 tons in 1872, an increase of about 3,000,000 tons. The gross value of the pig iron has doubled with the quantity raised, and thus the relative value in 1859 and 1872 is the same. The total value of the coal and metals raised in 1859 was £31,080,581, and in 1872 it had risen to £68,830,976, or more than double, this increase, as we have shown, being chiefly from the coal supply.—*Full Mail Gazette.*

Slate Roofs.

Messrs. Stone & Parker and Messrs. Clark & Teal exhibit two models of improved slate roofs at the Chicago Inter-State Industrial Exhibition, which form the subject of a communication from Mr. R. U. Piper, published in one of the Chicago papers. Mr. Piper says:

The roof model which seems at last to fulfill the requirements for general use is the flat one laid in various colored slate, and taking this kind of roof as the basis of our calculations, I intend to give your readers specifications of costs etc., which shall enable them fully to understand the matter.

First, safety against fire. Slate roofs, next to tile roofs, seem to form, when properly put on, the most perfect safeguard against fire. As an illustration of this take the retort building which went through the great fire of 1871, and though all the wood work of the building was consumed and the slates of course heated and thickly coated with smoke from the surrounding fire, they remained unbroken, and have since

been used for the roof of another structure. In the last fire one valuable building was saved by its slate roof. We have mentioned these two facts in order to show that slate will endure a great degree of heat without fracture. That they have failed in many cases to yield the protection they are capable of, is owing to the manner in which they have been laid. The small model shows the new method of laying the slate, by which absolute protection against rain, wind and snow is secured, and also a good degree of safety against fire. The slates, it will be seen, are laid in such a manner that the joints are all lap joints, so that there is no place for water to get in between the seams. Each slate projects an inch and a half over its fellow, resting upon two sides, between which is placed a water and fire-proof cement. In the spaces formed by the angles of the slates is also put cement sufficient to fill up the whole space, thus forming a perfectly solid roof covering, which can be walked over without injuring the slate, and where they cannot be, in the least degree, loosened or separated, even when subjected to violence sufficient to fracture them. The manner of nailing is also unique, fastening the slate near the middle, thus making them more secure than in the ordinary method.

As will be seen by the model this roof may be laid flat without danger of leaking.

The weight of a square will be about 325 pounds. Slate roofs, laid in the ordinary way, with 8 by 16 inch slate, weigh about 570 pounds to the square. The cost of roofs like this will, of course, be less than that of the ordinary slate roofs, and when we consider that they will last indefinitely without repairs, we cannot help being convinced that they must prove by far the cheapest roofs in the market.

The number of slate 8 inches by 16 required to cover a square in the old method is 237—that is, 238 square feet of slate of the above size are required to cover a square—that is, 100 square feet of roof.

By the new method 130 slates one foot square—that is, 130 square feet of slate—cover one square; but little more than half of what is used in the old way of laying the slate.

From the comparative lightness of this roof a considerable saving may be made in the framing, as compared with those to be covered with tar and gravel.

From the authorities we have before us, the weight of a first class tar and gravel roof should be 900 pounds to the square, and this calculation is based upon the gravel weighing 110 pounds to the cubic foot. Some kinds of gravel weigh 130 pounds to the cubic foot, of course materially increasing the weight per square. In addition to the saving in the cost of the frame of the roof, on account of the decrease in weight over the old method, we should have mentioned that a good deal of saving will also be made in this direction, as the extent of the roof can be reduced to a minimum, that is, laid as flat as may be desirable. The saving in insurance must also be considerable. Joining all the above items together, it would seem as if these roofs might be put on all classes of buildings; so as to come at first, even—or at least after a year or two—at less cost than any other kind of roof.

But this idea of first cost dwindles into insignificance when we consider the thousands and millions of dollars they would save every year from the almost absolute protection they would afford against wide spreading conflagrations.

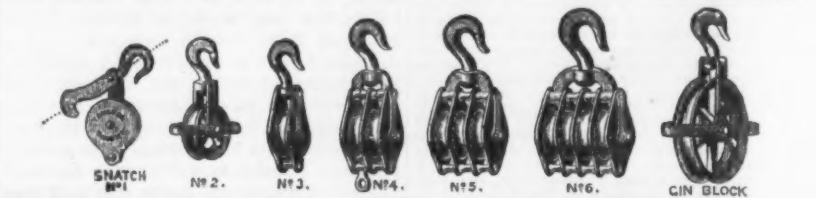
Would it be too much to estimate that the loss in our last great fire would be more than enough to cover all the buildings in our city with one of these fire-proof roofs?

Ammonia Ice Machines.—It is a well known fact that when a liquid is converted into gas it abstracts a certain amount of heat from the surrounding objects, and hence liquids which volatilize readily are said to produce a certain amount of cold. Ether, when placed on the skin, evaporates so rapidly as to produce the sensation of extreme cold. Gases, like sulphurous acid, nitrous oxide, carbonic acid and ammonia, which may be liquified by pressure, produce very intense cold if allowed to evaporate rapidly, which is done by removing the pressure. The apparatus invented by C. F. Carre, of Paris, for freezing water by means of ammonia, consists of a generator and a receiver made of iron boiler plate, and connected by means of a strong iron tube. In the generator is placed a solution of ammonia saturated at 32° Fah., which is heated by means of a suitable furnace, while the empty receiver is immersed in cold water. On heating the solution of ammonia the gas is driven off and collected in the receiver, where it is condensed to a liquid as soon as the pressure passes ten atmospheres. The receiver is constructed with a cylindrical space, into which a closely fitting vessel filled with water is now placed, and the apparatus is reversed, the generator being immersed in the water. The liquified ammonia, having the pressure removed, passes again into the gaseous state, and is reabsorbed by the water in the generator. By this means large quantities of ice are produced in tropical countries at a reasonable price. None of the gas is wasted, and the only expense is for labor, apparatus and fuel.

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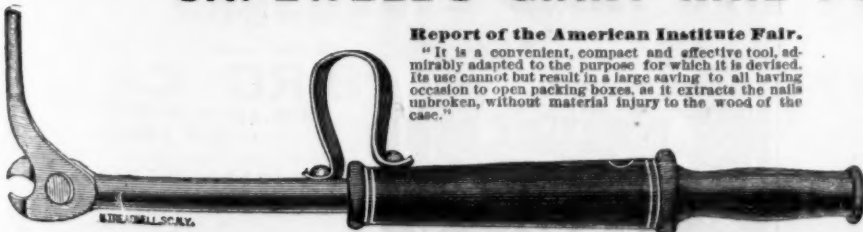
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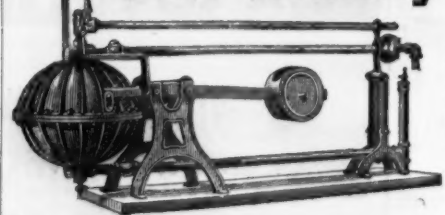
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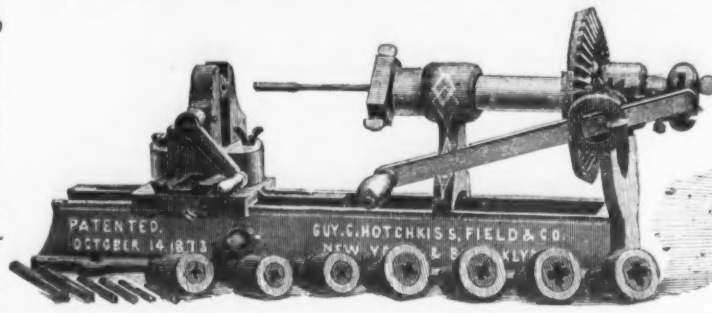
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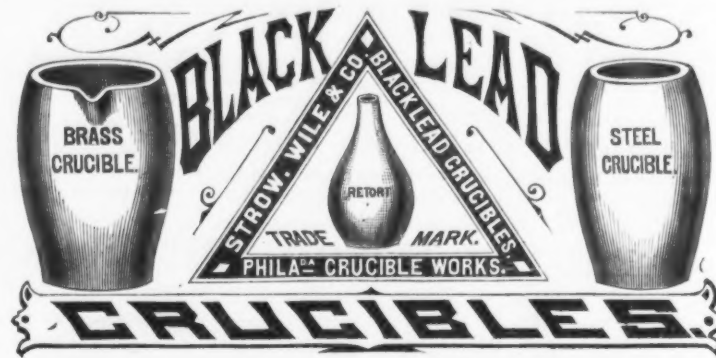


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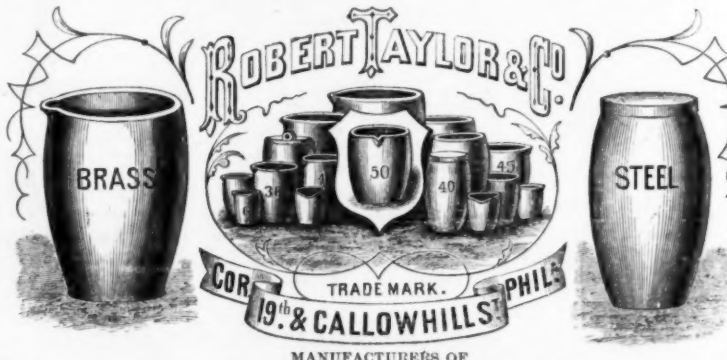
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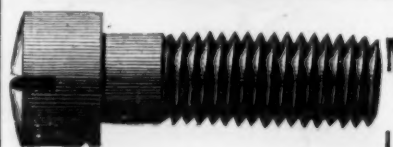
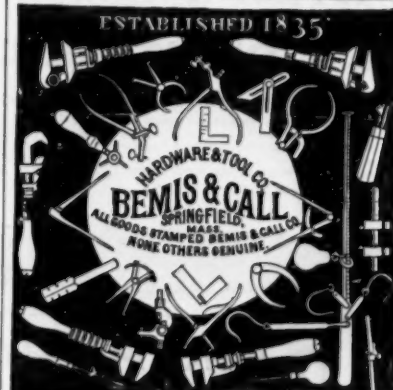
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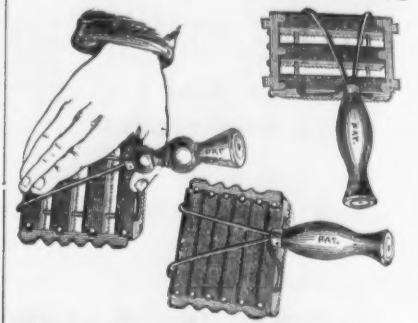
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Annual Make of Iron and Steel in the World.

In the third quarterly report for 1873, says the *Journal of the Iron and Steel Institute*, we reproduced from American sources an approximate estimate of the total production of cast iron on our globe during the year 1871, and now we present a similar one, compiled from the most reliable sources at our disposal, which will probably be found to be a still closer approximation to the truth:

| | Tons. |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Great Britain..... | 6,741,929 |
| United States of America..... | 2,695,000 |
| Germany..... | 1,664,802 |
| France..... | 1,381,000 |
| Belgium..... | 692,555 |
| Austria, with Hungary..... | 424,606 |
| Russia..... | 354,000 |
| Sweden..... | 322,000 |
| Luxembourg..... | 300,000 |
| Canada..... | 100,000 |
| Italy..... | 73,709 |
| Spain..... | 54,007 |
| Norway..... | 20,000 |
| South America..... | 15,000 |
| Japan..... | 9,370 |
| Switzerland..... | 7,500 |
| Australia..... | 40,000 |
| Africa..... | 20,000 |
| Australia..... | 10,000 |
| Total..... | 14,885,488 |

Wherever possible, the date of the last official returns is given in the above statement, which, as it stands, indicates that the present annual production of cast iron in the world amounts to at least 14,885,488 tons, as compared with 13,315,000 tons stated in the former estimate, 13,285,000 tons in the official report of the Vienna Exhibition, and 12,455,000 tons given in Wagner's *Chemische Technologie*, 1873, in which work an attempt has also been made to estimate the total annual production of steel, the figures given for the different countries being as follows:

| | Tons. |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Germany..... | 171,050 |
| Great Britain..... | 125,000 |
| France..... | 67,500 |
| Austria and Hungary..... | 60,000 |
| Sweden..... | 12,500 |
| Russia..... | 7,500 |
| Belgium..... | 6,350 |
| Italy..... | 3,250 |
| Spain..... | 750 |
| Total..... | 453,800 |

The above estimate is, however, self-evidently erroneous, since the annual production of Bessemer steel in Great Britain is alone much more than the quantity here given as the entire production of the whole world (for the twelve months ending 30th June, 1873, the quantity of Bessemer steel made in England was returned at 481,000 tons), and the United States, which in 1873 produced some 171,500 tons of steel, is not even mentioned among the steel producing countries.

The Iron Trade in Austria.

Since the financial crisis of last year, the state of the iron trade of this country has been anything but satisfactory, and many new undertakings previously commenced, as amongst others, the great blast furnace establishment of Dr. Strausberg, have, it is reported, been stopped for the present, or abandoned. Excepting some smaller iron works scattered over other parts of the country, and the lesser iron districts of Moravia, Galicia and Lower Hungary, which each produce something between 30,000 and 40,000 tons of pig iron per annum, the bulk of the Austrian iron manufacture is confined to the three great centers: Bohemia, which turns out about 130,000 tons; Styria and Carinthia, producing some 178,000 tons; and Upper Hungary, with a make of some 100,000 tons of pig iron yearly. Of these three districts, Bohemia is the only one provided with extensive coal fields, which, although at present but comparatively little developed, must soon assume much greater importance from the numerous railways which have lately been constructed, or are in course of construction, for placing them in communication with the iron ores and the rest of Austria. Of the Bohemian iron companies, the Prague "Eisenindustrie Gesellschaft" is one of the largest. The Adalbert Huette, at Kladno, recently visited by the author, which belongs to this company, contains 6 blast furnaces, with extensive foundries and rail, girder and bar rolling mills, which are stated to have turned out of late years some 35,000 tons of rails, girders, &c., per annum; at present, i. e. in June, only one blast furnace is in operation, and most of the mills are idle. A remarkable feature in these works is the carrying out on a large scale of M. Jacobi's (who is director of the establishment) process for dephosphorizing the iron ore previous to its being smelted in the blast furnace.

The ironworks of Prince Furstenberg at Althütte, near Pilsen, of Baron Klein at Stephanau and Zaeptau, of MM. Bondy at Prague, and the Neudeck Iron Works, make collectively a yearly turn out of about 32,000 tons of wrought iron in the form of rails, girders and bar iron. In Galicia, close to the extensive coal fields of Ostrau, are situated the Wittkowitz Iron Works, belonging to Baron Rothschild, and the Teschen Iron Works, the property of Archduke Albrecht, who are amongst the largest makers of iron and puddled steel rails in Austria; the output of the former works being some 20,000 tons of rolled iron and steel, and of the latter about 16,000 tons annually. In Styria the puddling of iron is almost altogether effected by the employment of brown coal or peat as fuel. The latter material is successfully used at many works, and when burnt in Siemens' regenerative puddling furnaces gives from nine to ten charges of 400 lbs. each, with a loss of 5 per cent., and a consumption of 16 cubic feet air dried peat, whereas the quantity of peat required for puddling in an ordinary furnace is as much as 24 cubic feet per 100 lbs. of puddled bars.

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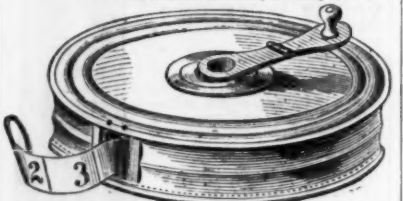
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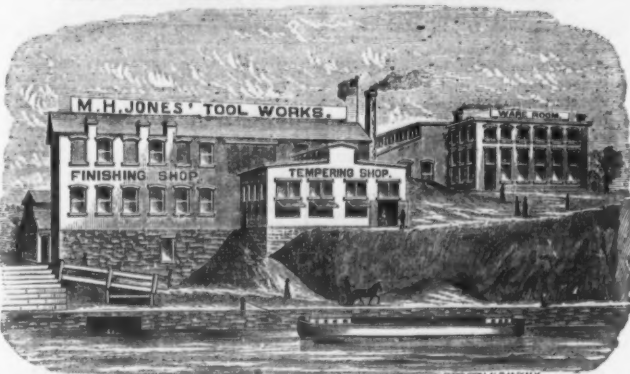
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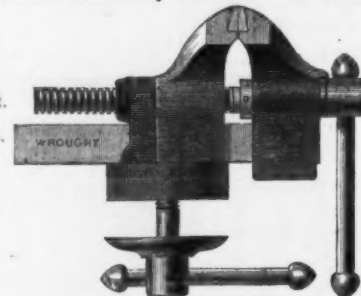
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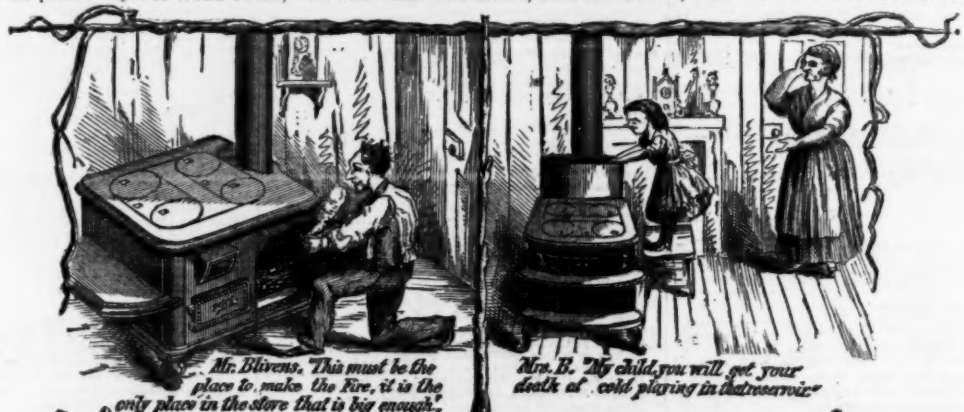
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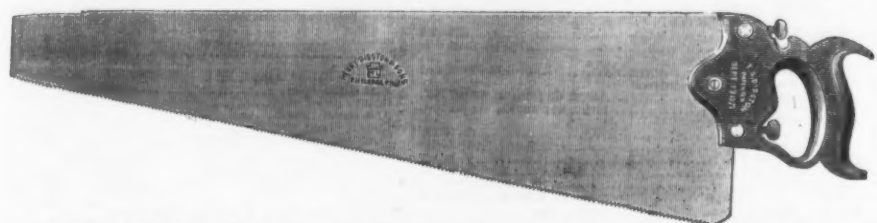
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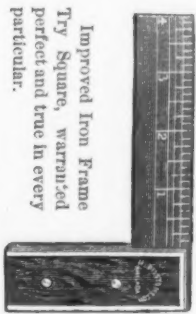
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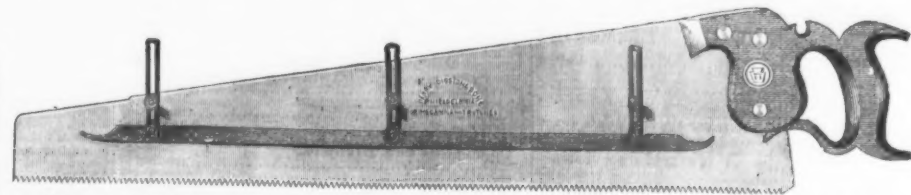
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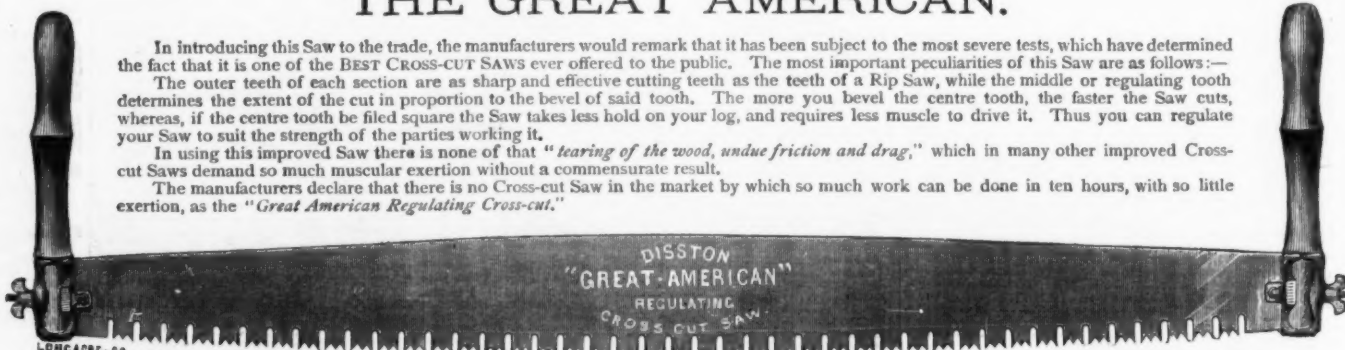


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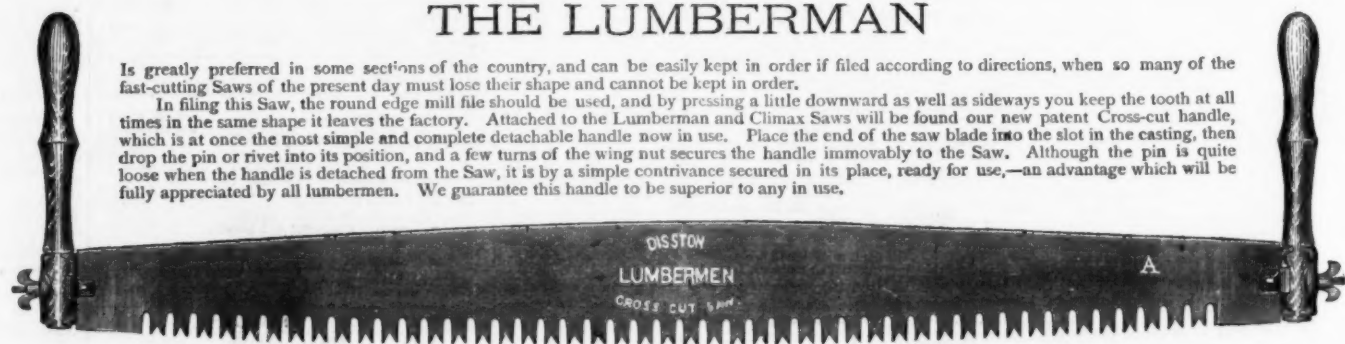
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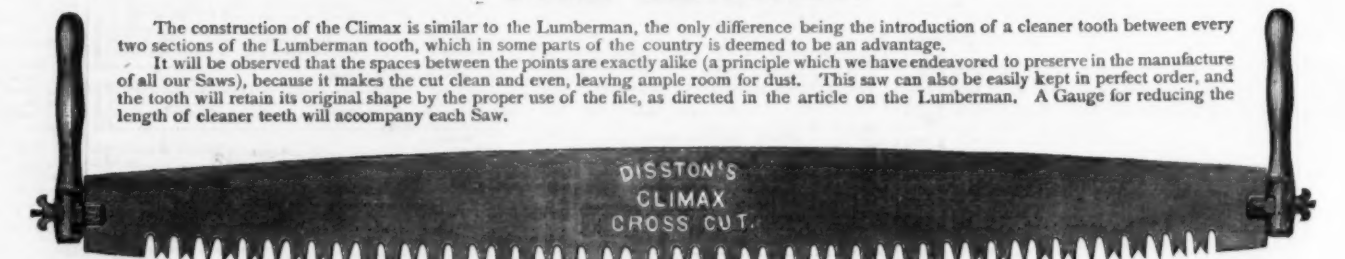
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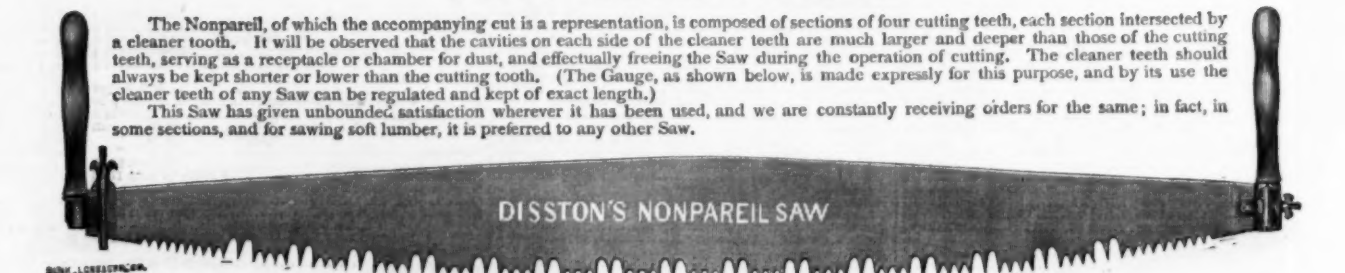
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The Nonpareil, of which the accompanying cut is a representation, is composed of sections of four cutting teeth, each section intersected by a cleaner tooth. It will be observed that the cavities on each side of the cleaner teeth are much larger and deeper than those of the cutting teeth, serving as a receptacle or chamber for dust, and effectually freeing the Saw during the operation of cutting. The cleaner teeth should always be kept shorter or lower than the cutting teeth. (The Gauge, as shown below, is made expressly for this purpose, and by its use the cleaner teeth of any Saw can be regulated and kept of exact length.)
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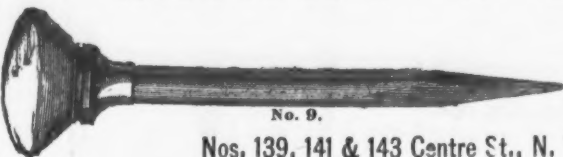


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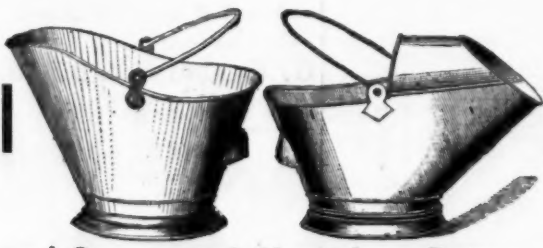
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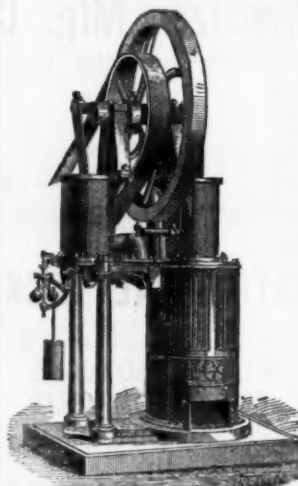
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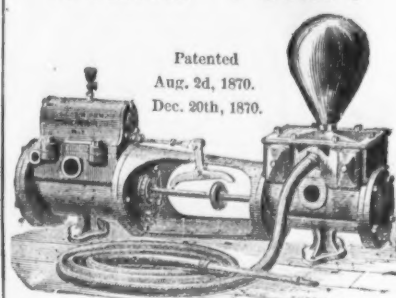
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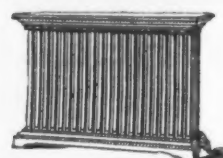
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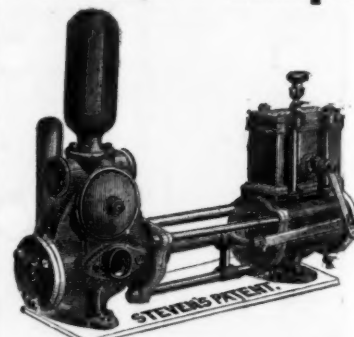
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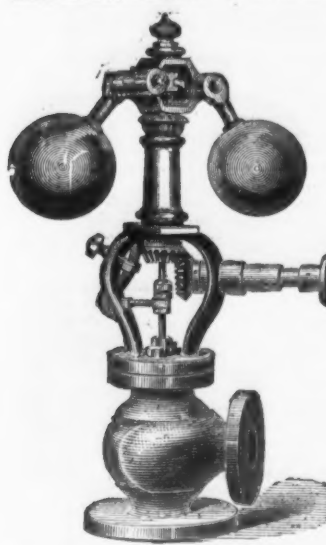
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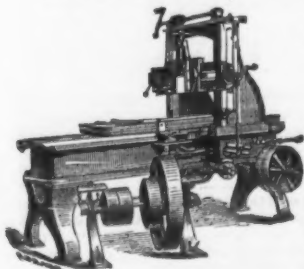
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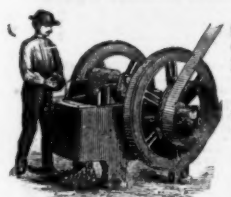
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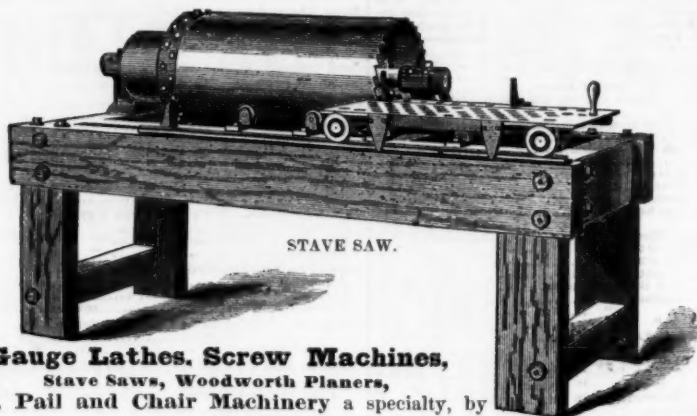


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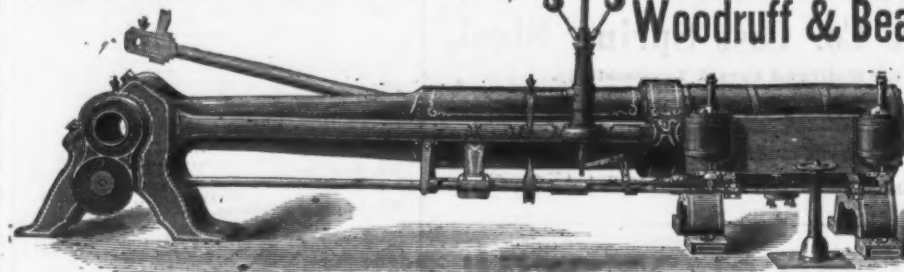
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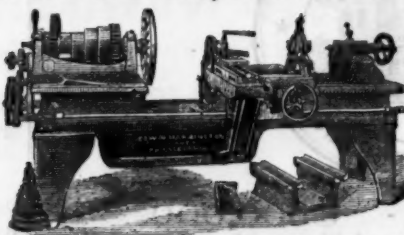
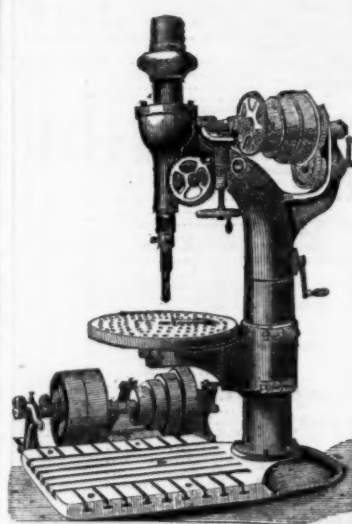
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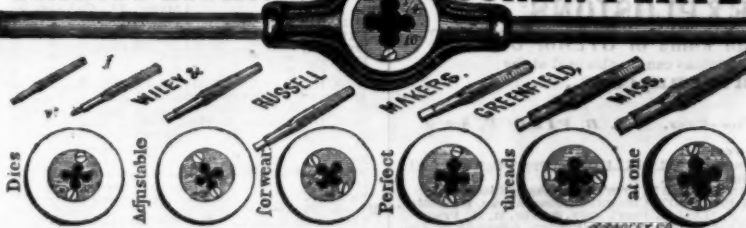
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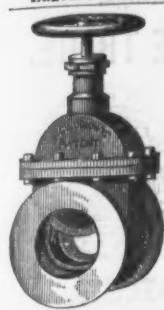
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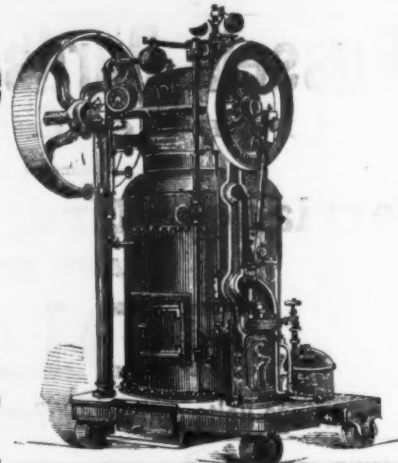
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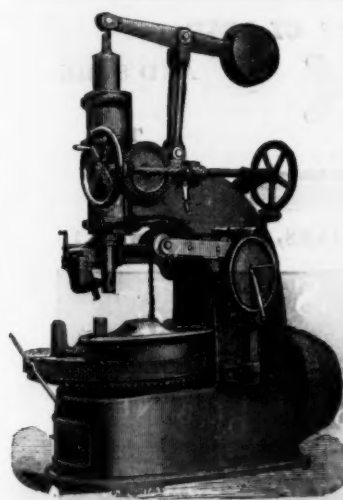
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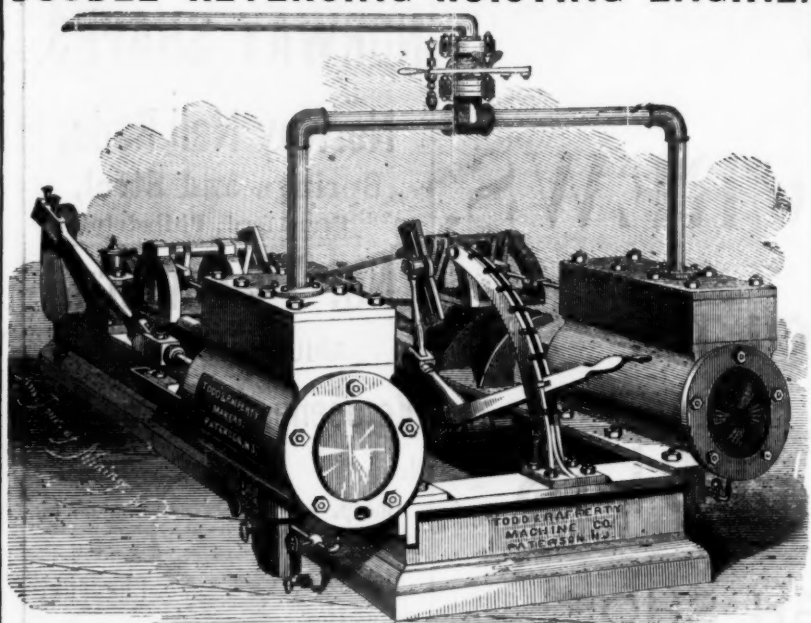
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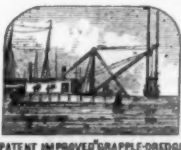
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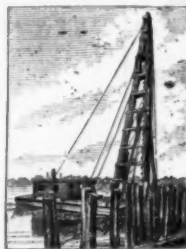
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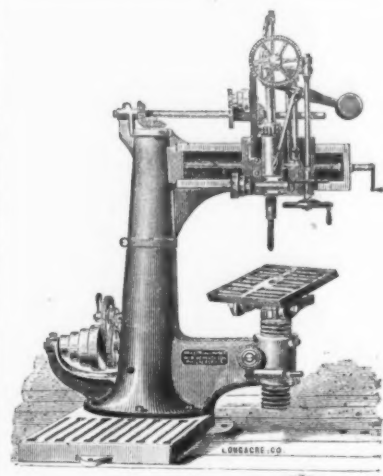
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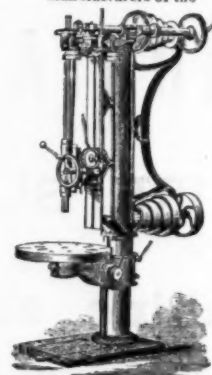
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